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Goals For 2022
 Theme
Be Ye Imitators of Christ
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;
Sunday AM: 50
Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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Gary Henry
is preaching today

We are now in week #23 of our Daily Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Lynn Maudlin, Sharon Maudlin, Sharon Nale, Polly Ward Les & Novema Dunn
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson
 Gene Ward & Beth McFarland
 Brooke Thomas, Pam Caudill
 Debbie Lewellen, Cathie Hall

THIS MONTH: "Became a Servant"
 Mk. 10:45; Jn. 13:14-17; Mt. 23:11

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper
 Isaiah 53:4-7

Scripture Reading
 AM: Phil 2:1-4
 PM: 2 Pet. 3:1-7

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 0
 Invites last month: 14
 Visitors YTD: 8

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Our Theme for 2022...
"Being Imitators of Christ"
 1 Cor. 11:1
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IMITATING THE SERVANTHOOD OF CHRIST

Welcome!
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

VISITORS
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Introduction
 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Mk. 10:45).
 If we intend to be like Christ, we must be prepared to take on the role of a "servant."
 And in the NT, Christians are usually described with the word which meant not a domestic servant, but a "slave."
THE PRIORITY OF SERVANTHOOD
 Values and concepts of "greatness" are upside-down in the Lord's kingdom - Mt. 23:11,12.
 In the kingdom of God, it is an honor to be a servant - 1 Cor. 4:1.
 The spirit of servanthood is one of the primary foundations of unity among the Lord's people - Phil. 2:1-4. "The Christian who tugs on the oars hasn't got time to rock the boat: (Austin Alexander Lewis).
MENIAL SERVICE
 Are we willing to serve others in ways that are lowly and unpleasant?
 Jesus never did anything more lowly than when He washed the feet of His disciples - Jn. 13:12-17.
SERVICE TO PEOPLE WHO ARE DIFFICULT TO SERVE
 In our servanthood, are we willing to go beyond those whom we find it easy to serve?
 We must be willing to serve even our enemies - Mt. 5:43-48. Cf. 1 Pt. 2:18.
SACRIFICIAL SERVICE
 Are we willing to serve others when it is *inconvenient* and *costly* to us? Cf. Phil. 2:5-8. Cf. v.30.
 In Christ, our individual "privileges" and "rights" should not be our main concern - Gal. 5:13. Cf. Rom. 14:19; 15:1-3.
 "Ministry that costs nothing, accomplishes nothing" (John Henry Jowett). **-Gary Henry**

The Faith that Saved Noah

Hebrews 11:7

The building of the ark that saved Noah was an accomplishment made possible “by faith.” What were the characteristics of the faith that saved Noah?

FAITH CAUSED NOAH TO ACCEPT A FUTURE REALITY AS A FACT

A thing is not *unreal* just because it is *unseen* — indeed, the most important parts of reality are unseen. Cf. [2 Cor. 4:18](#).

Faith is the mental faculty by which we deal with realities that are “not seen” ([Hb. 11:1](#)).

Noah had the faith to accept as real a future happening that had never happened before! Cf. [2 Pt. 3:1-7](#). (Uniformitarianism — the idea that what is happening today is what always has happened and always will happen — is not true.)

FAITH CAUSED THE FUTURE REALITY TO HAVE A PRACTICAL IMPACT ON NOAH’S LIFE

Most of us have a tendency to postpone action on matters of great importance, waiting until later to act on questions that should be acted on immediately.

But saving faith calls for decisive action in the present - [Jas. 2:14-26](#). Faith is not merely something we think about — it is something we act on!

FAITH CAUSED NOAH TO ENDURE SCOFFING

When we obey God, reproach from other people ought to be the least of our worries. Cf. [Mt. 10:28](#).

Like Noah — and like the Lord Himself — we must patiently endure scoffing. Cf. [Hb. 12:3](#).

FAITH CAUSED NOAH TO DO EXACTLY WHAT GOD INSTRUCTED, WITHOUT MODIFICATION

It’s important for us to do all things “according to the pattern” ([Hb. 8:5](#)). Would Noah have been saved from the flood if he had built the ark 301 cubits long? (God nowhere said *not* to do so.) God’s silence is significant and must be respected - [Hb. 7:14](#).

FAITH SAVED NOAH FROM DESTRUCTION

The quality of faith exhibited by Noah is the only kind that saves. Concerning Noah’s obedience of faith, Peter wrote:

“Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” ([1 Pt. 3:21](#)).

Conclusion

Are we, as Christians, guilty of acting as if we believed salvation were “by faith only”? Noah’s faith was *an obedient trust in God*. Does our own faith have the characteristics of the faith that saved Noah?

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Undaunted, We Do Whatever We Can to Help

“. . . because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me” ([Philippians 2:30](#)).

I WOULD LOVE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT EPAPHRODITUS. He was the individual mentioned in the text above who “came close to death” while acting as the Philippians’ messenger. Apparently, he made the long journey from Philippi to Rome to bring Paul the assistance the church wanted to send. Paul was in need, the Philippians wanted to help, and somebody needed to take their gift to Rome. I would love to talk to this man who raised his hand and said, “I’ll go” — not knowing that he would nearly die doing what he volunteered to do.

In the Lord’s work, it is a mistake to think that “great” things can only be done by “great” people. For one thing, we need to be careful in how we define a “great” thing. But the same thing goes for how we define a great person. Epaphroditus may have been an extraordinary person, the kind of outstanding individual even the world would recognize as talented and courageous. But I have a hunch that he was just an “ordinary” person, a Christian who simply agreed to do something that needed to be done. Either way, what he did was great and he showed his greatness by simply being willing to make the trip — for the sake of the Lord and His work.

I’d like for you to get out your Bible and read Hebrews chapter eleven. It contains a list of people who did things because they trusted God. Read that that chapter slowly and thoughtfully. Do you not see people in that text simply doing things that needed to be done? Just by being willing, they became examples to us.

Often, things go undone not for the lack of courage but the lack of willingness. We think we need more training, or a more convenient time. or a task more suited to our style. But there comes a time when we must ask, “Why not me?” And “Why not now?” As Moses learned, God has little patience with excuse-makers ([Exodus 4:1-17](#)).

I am not going to lie and tell you that everything you attempt in the Lord’s work is going to work out as you wish. But if we serve only in situations where we’ve got an ironclad assurance of safety, that’s not faith; it’s the opposite of faith. What God wants are people who will volunteer — ordinary folks who, despite their doubts and insecurities, will give it all they’ve got. Folks like Ephaphroditus.

"God does not ask about our ability, but our availability" (Anonymous).

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