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Beginning Our 65th Year Dec. 4, 2022

Goals For 2023
 Theme
 "Courageous Christians in 2023!"
 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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Mark Maudlin
Is preaching today

We are now in week #1 of our Daily Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Lynn & Mark Maudlin,
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward,
 Macon Ward, Greg Ward,
 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:
Examples of Courage:CHRIST
 Matt. 26:42, Rev. 19:11-26

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper
1Cor. 11:23-26

Scripture Reading
 AM: John 18:36-37
 PM: James 2:1-13

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 0
 Invites last month: 19
 Visitors YTD: 0

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Our Theme for 2023...
"Courageous Christians!"
 1 Cor. 16:13
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The Courage 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, 1 Pet. 4:11.

VISITORS
 Please fill out a visitor's card or scan the QR code below and provide the information requested.

- TEXT: John 18:36-37**
- Courage when He was Tempted- Matthew 4:1-11**
 - Courage in Condemning the Jewish Leaders- Matthew 23:1-31**
 - Courage In Knowing the Future- Matthew 26:31-35**
 - Courage in the Garden of Gethsemane- Luke 22:39-46**
 - Courage in Not giving in to the Crowd- Matthew 21:1-11**
 - Courage in allowing Himself to be taken by the Mob- Matthew 26:47-56**
 - Courage in Remaining Silent- Matthew 26:62-68**
 - Courage to allow Himself to be Crucified- John 19:17-24**

Mark Maudlin

Powerful Lessons from James

Reading: James 2:1-13

James 1:2-8- Count it all joy when you fall into various trials

1 Peter 1:3-7, Romans 5:1-5, 1 Corinthians 10:13

James 1:9-11- Be Humble

1 Peter 5:5-6, Colossians 3:12

James 1:19-27- Swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath

Ephesians 4:26-32, Romans 12:19-21

James 2:1-13- Do not show partiality

1 Timothy 5:21, Romans 2:11

James 3:1-12- Must control the Tongue

Colossians 4:6, Proverbs 15:4

James 3:13-18- Put away bitter envy and self-seeking

1 Corinthians 3:1-3, 1 Corinthians 13:4, Proverbs 14:30

James 4:1-10- Put away lust and friendship of the world

Matthew 5:28, Galatians 5:16, 1 John 2:16

James 4:13-17- Do not boast about tomorrow

Luke 12:13-21

James 5:7-12- Be patient and let your yes be yes

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15, Romans 12:9-13

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COURAGE

'I am tired of hearing about men with the 'courage of their convictions'. Nero and Caligula and Attila and Hitler had the courage of their convictions . . . But not one of them had the courage to examine their convictions or to change them, which is the true test of character" (Sydney J. Harris).

TODAY, AS WE CELEBRATE ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY, LET'S MEDITATE ON THE VALUE OF COURAGE. There can be little question that Lincoln's place in history was secured by the courageous coupling of his character and his well-informed conscience.

Courage is a quality of such basic importance that from ancient times it has been counted as one of the four "cardinal" virtues: *justice, wisdom, courage, and moderation*. The word "cardinal" comes from the Latin *cardo* ("hinge" or "axis"), and these virtues are cardinal in that all the other virtues hinge on them. They're the necessary foundation on which all the other virtues must be built, and there is even a sense in which courage is the prerequisite for the other cardinal virtues. There are great difficulties in the practice of any good human trait, and it is courage that enables one to overcome these difficulties. Without courage, nothing else can be accomplished. As James Matthew Barrie put it, "Courage is the thing. All goes if courage goes."

And yet it should be equally obvious that courage must be balanced by other virtues or it becomes an evil thing. As Sydney J. Harris pointed out, many of the most sinister figures in world history have been persons of courage, but their courage was not informed by justice and equity. It is no great thing to act courageously if our actions are not governed by a conscience grounded in valid principles.

And so, as Harris suggests, what we need are folks with "the courage to examine their convictions," and also the courage "to change them, which is the true test of character." Abraham Lincoln was old-fashioned enough to believe that there are objective standards of right and wrong, and for all his courage, he also had humility. On more than one occasion, he took a position that varied from his previous policies, based on his growing understanding of the requirements of rightness for himself and for his nation. We're indebted to his example, and we need to be more Lincolnesque in the living of our lives.

"Without justice, courage is weak" (Benjamin Franklin).

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