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Sundays
 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM
 Worship..... 10:30 AM
 Worship..... 6:00 PM

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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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Joshua Haub
is preaching today

We are on week number 9 of our daily Bible reading.

Prayer List
 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: Moses
 Ex.3:4

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
Isaiah 53:7-9

Scripture Reading
 AM: Luke 15:1-7
 PM: Mark 4:1-9

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 16
 Invites last month: 19
 Visitors YTD: 3

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Our Theme for 2023...
"Courageous Christians!"
 1 Cor. 16:13
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The Lost Sons

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



TEXT: Luke 15:1-32

I. The Lost Sheep

Application: _____

II. The Lost Coin

Application; _____

iii, The Lost Sons

Application: _____

Joshua Haub

The Parable of the Sower

TEXT: Mark 4:1-20

The Parable

The Disciples and Jesus

The Soil by the Road

The Rocky Soil

The Thorny Soil

The Good Soil

Joshua Haub

The Right Kind of Fear Begets Courage

“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matthew 10:28).

SOMETIMES OUR COURAGE FAILS US NOT BECAUSE WE LACK BOLDNESS BUT BECAUSE WE LACK THE RIGHT KIND OF FEAR. We mistakenly think the key to greater courage would be greater self-confidence, and so we fire up our “Can Do!” attitude. After a while, our attitude gets dangerously close to pride. In our mad scramble for greater strength, we forget the meaning of reverence. We no longer tremble before our Creator. We lose our fear of God. And at that point, lesser fears begin to dominate our lives.

Contrary to what many people think, fear is not always a bad thing. If we could find a way to banish every form of fear from our hearts, we would find ourselves weaker, not stronger. The thing that’s wrong with us most of the time is not that we’re afraid, but that we have too little fear for the things we *should* be afraid of. Fear is not the problem; it’s what we choose to fear.

To be specific, there is too much fear in our relationship with other people because there is too little fear in our relationship with God. “Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul,” Jesus commanded, “But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” This is not a command that many of us take seriously, and consequently, we spend our lives fearing what other people can do to us. A healthy measure of godly fear, however, would free us from this “humanly” fear.

Godly fear involves a remarkable irony. When we learn to relate to God with real reverence, we not only become more humble, but we also become more bold. As we grow in the recognition of our weakness versus God, we grow in the recognition of our strength versus the devil (2 Corinthians 12:9). Indeed, the devil can do very little to intimidate those who genuinely fear God. As strong as the devil may seem at times, he is a coward at heart. There are those whom he actually fears, and he is most afraid of those who’re not afraid of him. So we’re told, “Submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7).

Haven’t we wasted too much of life already in unnecessary fear? Now’s the time to learn where real strength comes from.

“Where the fear of the Lord guards the door, the enemy cannot enter” (Francis of Assisi).

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