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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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Gerald Barr
 will be preaching today.

We are on week # 11 of our daily Bible reading.

Prayer List
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward,
 Macon Ward, Greg Ward,
 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: Joshua
 Joshua 1:9 24:15

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
Hebrews 9:22-28

Scripture Reading
 AM: Luke 8:4-13
 PM: Luke 8: 26-28

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 0
 Invites last month: 16
 Visitors YTD: 3

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Our Theme for 2023...
"Courageous Christians!"
 1 Cor. 16:13
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The Parable of the Sower

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 8:4-13

"Some fell beside the road" – Luke 8:5

"Other seed fell on rocky soil" – Luke 8:6

"Other seed fell among the thorns" – Luke 8:7

"And yet other seed fell into the good soil" Luke 8:8



What kind of soil will your heart provide?

Gerald Barr

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TEXT: Luke 8:26-38

Even Demons know who Jesus is? Luke 8:28-31

Jesus is merciful. Luke 8:32-34

Jesus can make you clean. Luke 8:36

We need to tell people what great things GOD has done for us. Luke 8:38-39

Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ "Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND ²⁸REST FOR YOUR SOULS. ³⁰ For My yoke is comfortable, and My burden is light."

Gerald Barr

Incline Your Heart to the Lord

"Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the Lord, the God of Israel' " (Joshua 24:22,23).

HAVING CHALLENGED ISRAEL TO CHOOSE WHETHER THEY WOULD SERVE GOD, JOSHUA THEN CALLED ON THEM TO PUT THEIR CHOICE INTO ACTION. If it is your decision to serve God, Joshua said, then "incline your heart to the Lord, the God of Israel."

That is a powerful way of putting it, is it not? *Incline your heart to the Lord*. The NIV renders it "Give yourselves completely to the Lord," and the CEV, "You must decide once and for all that you really want to obey the Lord God of Israel." In a related text, we read of David's charge to Israel at the end of his life: "Now set your mind and heart to seek the Lord your God" (1 Chronicles 22:19). In all such passages, we hear God commanding His people to think of Him as more than a "maybe." Their hearts must be *inclined* to Him. They must *fix* their minds on Him. They must — and here is the main idea — be *devoted* to Him.

This devotion must be the result of a conscious, deliberate choice they have made. Of course, there is language in the Scriptures where God is the one who is asked to incline the hearts of His people. For example, "May [the Lord] . . . incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his rules" (1 Kings 8:57,58). And, "O Lord, . . . keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you" (1 Chronicles 29:18). There is no contradiction here. God will help us and surround us with good influences, but it is we who must make the decision. In the end, only we have the power to decide what (or Whom) we will incline our hearts to.

If we are deciding whether to obey the gospel of Christ, this is what it all comes down to: *having alienated ourselves from God, will we or won't we give Him back our ultimate loyalty?* Had we never sinned, He would have always had our loyalty. But now, in Christ, He is making it possible for us to "incline our hearts" to Him once again. This is good news, much too good not to embrace enthusiastically.

"It is but right that our hearts should be on God, when the heart of God is so much on us" (Richard Baxter).

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