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Sundays
 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM
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 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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James Hahn
 will be preaching today.

We are on week # 12 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 10:4-10

Scripture Reading
 AM: 2 Pet. 2:20-22
 PM: Philippians 2:5

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 4
 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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Causes of Apostasy

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: 2 Pet. 2:20-22

- I. Pleasures of the World**
 - A. Luke 8:14
 - B. 2 Tim.3:4
 - C. Heb. 11:25
 - D. Two Kinds of Pleasure
- II. Deceitfulness of Riches**
 - A. 1 Tim. 6:9-10, 17
 - B. Rev. 3:17
 - C. Matt. 19:16-26
- III. Influence of Companions**
 - A. 1 Cor 15:33
- IV. Dull of Hearing**
 - A. Matt. 13:15
 - B. Heb. 5:11
 - C. Jer. 6:16-17
- V. Preaching Being Done**
 - A. 2 Tim. 4:1-4
 - B. Jer. 6:14-15
- VI. Prevention**
 - A. Heb. 2:1
 - B. 1 Cor. 9:27
 - C. Acts 20:32

James Hahn

The Anger of Jesus

TEXT: Philippians 2:5

Cases of Anger

Matt. 23:33
Rev. 3:15-16
John 2:13-17
Matt. 21:12-13
Matt. 23:33
Rev. 3:15-16

Should We Be Angry?

Eph. 4:31 cf.4:26
James 1:19-20

Christ Our Example

Controlled Anger
Not Angry over Trifles
Not Angry over Personal Insults'
Angry Over...
 Hypocrisy and Injustice
 Corruption of God's House
Our Anger is Often over trivial matters and personal insult or injury

James Hahn

Each Must Choose

“Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:14,15).

THE LONGER I LIVE, THE MORE I SEE THE IMPORTANCE OF DECISIVENESS. If we don't train ourselves to make decisive choices, we will self-destruct. So Joshua could not have challenged Israel more profitably than by saying, “Choose this day whom you will serve.” He knew they would serve one god or another; he just hoped it would be the true God they chose — *deliberately and decisively*.

What are we to make of Joshua's saying, “But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”? Did Joshua have the power to choose for his family that they would serve God? No, at least not in the strictest sense. I believe he was saying, “As the leader of my clan, I am making the choice to serve the Lord, and to the best of my ability I will influence each member of the family to do likewise.” In his day, Joshua would have had the authority to enforce certain rules in his clan (at least externally). But in truth, Joshua could not make this, the greatest decision of life, for anyone but himself. Then, as now, we cannot compel; we can only influence.

As important as choice is, then, it must be exercised *individually*. This powerful gift of freedom that God has given us is perhaps the most private of all our gifts. We can influence other human beings and they can influence us, but no human being can enter the secret chambers of another's heart and make even the slightest decision for him. Even if I say to you, “I can't make up my mind; you decide,” you are not really making my decision. I have simply made the decision to follow your lead. And as we all know, “not making a decision” is a misnomer. Not to decide is really just one kind of decision: the decision to do nothing and hope for the best.

In regard to God, we must say a decisive *Yes!* — or we'll not like where we end up. As I heard someone say, “God lives upstream from us, and we're not going to get to where He is by just drifting.” The most disastrous thing we can do is “not decide.”

“There is a time when we must firmly choose the course we will follow, or the relentless drift of events will make the decision” (Herbert V. Prochnow).

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