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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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Adam Morris & Elbert Metcalf
will be preaching today.

We are on week # 13 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 10:11-18

Scripture Reading
 AM: Ruth 1:14-16
 PM: 2 Peter 3:8-13

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 8
 Invites last month: 26
 Visitors YTD: 3

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Our Theme for 2023...
"Courageous Christians!"
 1 Cor. 16:13
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Courage of Ruth

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: Ruth 1:14-16**
- I. Book of Ruth**
 - II. Types of Courage**
 - III. Ruth's Story**
 - A. Showed Courage 1:8-17**
 - B. Hard Work 2:7-17**
 - C. Pay Off :17-22**
 - IV. Our Story**
 - A. Courage**
 - B. Hard Work**
 - C Pay Off**

NOTES: _____

Adam Morris

Jesus is Coming - SOON

TEXT: 2 Peter 3:10

Man's Prediction

What the Bible Says

Call to Action

Elbert Metcalf

Courageous Reason

“. . . who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens” (Hebrews 11:33,34).

FAITH IS APT TO GET US INTO TROUBLE. Unlike mere “belief,” real faith leaves the comforts of home and gets out there where the real fight is taking place between good and evil. It is willing to take risks in the course of serving the Lord’s will. Based on what God has done in the observable realm of history, we reason that He is telling us the truth about the unseen realm, and we are willing to follow that reasoning out onto the battlefield of life. In the kind of faith that takes risks, *trust* is the key element. We are willing to put any number of things in jeopardy in the short run because we have confidence that, in the long run, the Lord will not let us down. “For this reason I also suffer these things,” Paul wrote; “nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day” (2 Timothy 1:12).

A well-reasoned faith will impart not only courage but also determination and persistence. In Luke 5:17–26, there is the story of some people who brought to the Lord a paralyzed man for Him to heal. There was such a crowd, they could not get to the Lord. Undeterred, however, “they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus” (v.19). Jesus was pleased with the persistence of their effort, and He knew it to be the result of their faith: “When He saw their faith, He said to him, ‘Man, your sins are forgiven you’ ” (v.20).

The courage that comes from genuine faith is far different from the cowardice that tags along behind superficial faith. In John 12:42, we read that “even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue.” If this kind of faith could save, even the demons would be in heaven: “You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe — and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?” (James 2:19,20). So the question is not “What do you believe?” but “What are you willing to do about it?”

“Faith is reason grown courageous” (Sherwood Eddy).

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