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

**Wednesdays**  
 Bible Study..... 7:30 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 # 24 of our daily Bible reading.**

**Prayer List**  
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward,  
 Macon 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: Paul**  
 Acts 21:10-14

**Who Have You Invited To Services This week?**

**Lord's Supper Reading**  
 1 Cor. 10:14-17

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: Acts 11:26  
 PM: Luke 15:15-17

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month: 4  
 Invites last month: 8  
 Visitors YTD: 10

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Our Theme for 2023...  
**"Courageous Christians!"**  
 1 Cor. 16:13  
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**Who Is A Christian?**

**Text: Acts 11:26, Acts 26:28, 1 Peter 4:16**

**I. Answers Given by Some**

- A. Good, moral person: Acts 10:1,2
- B.. Anyone believing in Jesus: Matt. 7:21-23

**II. Scriptural Answers**

A. 1Peter 4:16

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B. Acts 26:28

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C. Acts 11:26

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**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.

**James Hahn**

## Four Steps to the Father

Luke 15: 10-32

### I. OBSERVATION

- A. Luke 15:15-17
- B. James 1:23-25
- C. Romans 8:1

### II. REFLECTION

- A. Luke 15:17

### III. DECISION

- A. Luke 15:18-19

### IV. ACTION

- A. Luke 15:20-21

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James Hahn

## The Gospel: Words and Power

“. . . our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction” (1 Thessalonians 1:5).

PAUL’S ENEMIES IN THESSALONICA WERE PROBABLY SAYING THAT HE WAS A FAKE. The gospel of Christ was false, they would have said, and what is more, Paul knew it to be false. He was deceiving people deliberately, for reasons that were purely selfish.

So Paul was anxious about those who had obeyed the gospel in Thessalonica. Knowing of their persecution and that they were hearing hateful charges against him, Paul was concerned — not about his reputation but about their steadfastness. The last thing he wanted was for their faith to be overthrown by doubts about him personally.

To these brethren, Paul wrote, “We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers . . . For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake” (1 Thessalonians 1:2–5).

Paul wanted several things to be clearly understood. (1) Although the gospel is communicated by words, it was far more than the reasonableness of the words that had moved the Thessalonians to believe. (2) In addition to the words, there had been “power.” This is a reference to the miraculous powers by which the apostles guaranteed the truth of their message (Luke 24:44–49; Acts 1:4,5; Hebrews 2:3,4). (3) The Thessalonians also needed to remember that the gospel had come to them “in the Holy Spirit.” This may be a second way of referring to the miracles, but it probably also points to the *source* of the gospel. The message had come from the Holy Spirit and not merely from Paul’s intellect (1 Corinthians 2:11–13). (4) Finally, the gospel had been presented “with full conviction.” Paul believed the gospel deeply. He and his coworkers might be many things, but they were not charlatans or liars. “You know,” he said, “what kind of men we proved to be among you.”

This text merits our careful attention. Even though the apostles are no longer preaching in person, the foundation has been laid and the record stands firm. The gospel, as preached and confirmed by the apostles, is just as powerful for us as it was for the Thessalonians!

“The world has many religions; it has but one gospel” (George Owen).

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