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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 # 39 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:
 Courage in Action: God's Triumph

John 14:27

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
 Mark 14:17-25

Scripture Reading
 AM: Ex. 4:10-17
 PM: Dan. 3:14-18

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month 6
 Invites last month: 10
 Visitors YTD: 10

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Our Theme for 2023...
"Courageous Christians!"
 1 Cor. 16:13
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Running the Race

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: I Corinthians 9:23-27

You have to be dedicated.
 I Cor 9:23; Matthew 22:37; Matthew 6:33

You have to plan.
 I Cor 9:24; Matthew 7:24-28

You have to be disciplined.
 I Corinthian 9:25; Ephesians 5:5-12

You have to endure.
 I Corinthian 9:26-27; Hebrews 12:1-3

You will be rewarded for how you run the race.
 I Corinthians 9:25; Matthew 25:31-46, Revelation 22:11-13

Revelation 22:11-13
¹¹ Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, still keep himself holy." ¹² "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man ^[a] according to what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Gerald Barr

The Lost Book

Text: 2 Kings 22:1 – 23:24

Departing from GOD's Word a little now, can be a lot later. 2 Kings 22:8

If we don't read GOD's Word we can lose it. 2 Kings 22:8; 2 Timothy 2:14-16

True Worship is important to GOD. 2 Kings 22:14-17; John 4:24

We need to accept GOD's Word. 2 Kings 22:19-20; Luke 8:4-15

Our hearts must be right. 2 Kings 22:19-20; Matthew 5:8; Luke 8:4-15

We must Act on GOD's Word. 2 Kings 23:1-25; Matthew 7:25-27

We must Study to Understand. 2 Kings 23:21-23; 2 Timothy 2:14-16

We must Follow GOD's Word. 2 Kings 23:21-23; I John 2:3-4

We must do what we need to in order to be right with GOD. 2 Kings 23:1-25; Romans 14:9-11

2 Kings 22:8-11

⁸ Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan who read it. ⁹ Shaphan the scribe came to the king and brought back word to the king and said, "Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the LORD." ¹⁰ Moreover, Shaphan the scribe told the king saying, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it in the presence of the king. ¹¹ When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes.

Gerald Barr

Doing What is Right Requires the Highest Form of Courage

In his wicked arsenal, the devil has a number of weapons or threats he can use to try to get us to do his will. In the past, many of God's faithful people have had to face the physical threat of hardship, persecution, or even death if they refused to do the devil's will. But these are not the only things the devil knows we fear. He knows that many who would not hesitate to die physically for what's right will buckle under his pressure if he threatens them with things like being embarrassed, being treated in an unfriendly way, or being rejected socially. He knows we're often more afraid of what others will think about us than of what they might do to us physically. And so, we must have a courage that will face any danger, whether it's a physical danger or one that is more intangible.

God's word teaches that we can find the courage we need in His strength. In fact, we can have a courage that is more than just sufficient — it can be triumphantly victorious! Our courage can be grounded in what God has done and will do. Jesus said, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (Jn. 16:33). And Paul reflected this same truth when he wrote that "in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:37–39).

Doing what is right requires the highest kind of courage. None of us ever have any finer moment than when we simply choose to do what is right, standing strong in the Lord and risking whatever the devil may throw at us. Integrity is a fine and noble thing indeed. It ought to be among our most valuable treasures. There is absolutely nothing the devil has that comes close to being as wonderful and joyous as the ability to pillow our head at night with a good conscience. This week, let's be brave in the realm of spiritual things. At all costs, let's do what we know is right. When we do, we'll not only please God, but by our example we'll help others to be strong. And the devil — coward that he is — will flee from us.

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