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

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 Bible Study..... 7:30 PM

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**Beginning Our 66th Year Dec. 3, 2023**

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 & Ron Thompson, Jr.**  
**will be preaching today.**

***We are on week # 52 of our daily Bible reading.***

**Prayer List**  
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward, Macon Ward, Debby Spears (Roseann's sis) Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson Beth McFarland, Brooke Thomas, Pam Caudill Debbie Lewellen, Cathie Hall Ronnie Kahl, Ward family on the death of bro. Gene

**THIS MONTH:**  
**Courage and Good Conscience**  
**1 Pet. 3:16, 2:19; Acts 23:1**

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

**Lord's Supper Reading**  
**Romans 3:21-26**

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: James 1:12-18  
 PM: Hebrews 11:32-34

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month 8  
 Invites last month: 12  
 Visitors YTD: 12

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Our Theme for 2023...  
**"Courageous Christians!"**  
 1 Cor. 16:13  
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**Did You Forget to Count?**

**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: James 1:17**
- I. Before You Start Counting**
    - A. We Are All Blessed Differently**
    - B. Don't Count Your Neighbors**
  - II. Starter Blessings**
    - A. Health**
    - B. Family/Spiritual Family**
    - C. Guidance**
    - D. Hope**
  - III. What Happens When We Don't Count**
    - A. We Forget God**
    - B. Jealous**
    - C. We Stop Appreciating**
  - IV. Our Greatest Blessing**

*Adam Morris*

## Courageous Christians Beyond 2023

Text: Hebrews 11:32-34

### Examples of Courage:

Christ Mt 26:42

Moses Ex 3:11, 5:1

Joshua Jos 1:6 – 9, 24:15

David 1Sa 17:32 – 36

Peter Mt 26:33 – 35, 75

Paul Ac 21:10 – 13

### Courage in action:

Moral Courage De 12:8, 1Ki 15:5

Physical courage Heb 11:35 – 40

Courage through God's Triumph over Evil John 16:33

Courage to Overcome the Devil Ro 8:31 – 37

Christ giving us Courage 2Co 12:8 – 10

Courage producing a Good Conscience 1Pe 3:16 – 18

### Final Thoughts:

Not Blind Courage, but Courageous Hope Heb 6:16 – 18

Prepare Eph 6:11 – 13

1Co 16:13 ESV Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

14 Let all that you do be done in love.

*Ron Thompson, Jr.*

## Sinking Sayings of Jesus

**Jesus** had just healed a demon possessed young boy (Luke 9: 42). This particular possession caused the boy to have convulsive seizures. His father was distressed because Jesus' apostles had been unable to cast out the demon, and the seizures were very intense, probably resulting in bodily injury to the boy (39). The miraculous healing drew the attention of the crowd; they were "amazed at the mighty power of God." (43) Jesus, however, wanted their focus on that which he had to say, that He would be "delivered into the hands of men." (44) They could not understand this statement. Jesus exhorted them to let this saying "sink down" into their ears. (44) There are many "sinking sayings of Jesus" found in scripture. These are statements of vital spiritual importance that Jesus wanted his disciples then and now to allow to "sink down into your ears." Let's notice some of these.

**"...if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."** (John 8:24) KJV Jesus requires belief in Him as God's Son of all potential disciples. It is not enough to be awed by Jesus' miracles. He requires a deeper devotion from the heart. Without taking this very basic first step toward salvation, we will die in our sins.

**"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."** (John 14:6) KJV This saying of Jesus underscores the specificity of the way to God. There is but one way, and that way is through Jesus! If every responsible person would only allow this saying to "sink " into his ears and become clear in his mind. This saying eliminates all other man-made paths to God and salvation. Jesus is **the way!**

**"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."** (Luke 13:3) KJV How many have marveled at the feeding of the 5000, but have neglected to take this saying to heart? Without repentance from sin, one cannot proceed on the road to salvation. Peter told those on Pentecost to "repent and be baptized" for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Have you allowed this saying of Jesus to "sink down into your ears?"

**"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven."** Matt 10:32 KJV The life of a disciple of Christ must be one which reflects allegiance to the king. How sincerely is this saying taken to heart? Do you realize the importance of confessing Christ before others in the way you act, speak and dress? Jesus has promised to confess his relationship with you before His Father, if you reciprocate during your life on this earth.

Has this idea "sunk in?"

**"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."** Mark 16:16 KJV

Without belief and baptism, salvation cannot be received. These are the conditions as stated by Jesus himself. Have you allowed this saying to "sink down in your ears?"

We have looked at only five things Jesus said to those in his company during his personal ministry. These are truly *sinking sayings*. There are many more. Allow them **all** to sink deeply into your heart and bring forth fruit!

*Steve Nale*