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 Worship.....6:00 PM

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Beginning Our 66th Year Dec. 3, 2023

GOALS FOR 2024
Theme
“Respecting Bible Authority!”

- Giving:** Meet Our Yearly Budget
- Invitations:** 130
- Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading
- Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer
- Every Member Committed To Each Assembly
- Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
- Hold A Men’s Training Class
- Hold One Gospel Meeting
- Converting 10 People Per Month

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Tack Chumbley
 will be preaching today.

We are on week # 17 of our daily Bible reading.

Prayer List
 Peter Hunt’s operation has been postponed till April 30, Mary McAfee, Sharon Nale, Polly Ward, Macon Ward, Debby Spears (Roseanna’s sis) Sharon Thompson, Pam Caudill, Brooke Thomas, Cathie Hall, Debbie Lewellen Jimmy had is still recovering from his leg operation.

This Month: Authority... Work
 Eph. 3:10; Gal. 1:6-10; 1 Tim. 1:4; Acts 4:32-37

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord’s Supper Reading
 Luke 22:14-20

Scripture Reading
AM: 1 Timothy 1:15
PM: 1 Corinthians 15:50-55

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month 9
 Invites last month: 20
 Visitors YTD:

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 Matt. 28:18
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Starting The Week With Conviction!

Sunday @ 9:30 AM — “The Bible” (Tack Chumbley)

One of the most critical points of skepticism is the legitimacy of the Bible account! Is the Bible reliable? Can we really believe what we read about Jesus from Nazareth?

Visiting with us this week, brother Tack Chumbley will begin a series of lessons with this very thought! Curious about what you might learn?

Sunday @ 10:30 AM — “The Death of Christ” (Tack Chumbley)

The day Christ was put on the cross marked the darkest day in all of history! It was tragic, horrible, and completely unjust. Yet, it was the most necessary event to occur for all of mankind. Why is that?

Sunday @ 6:00 PM — “The Resurrection of Christ” (Tack Chumbley)

Without the resurrection of Christ we are “of all men most to be pitied” (1 Corinthians 15:19)! Why is this the case? Why does this event turn out to be the most important in all of creation’s history?

Be sure to be here every night for @ 7:30 PM Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday as brother Tack will discuss:

- * **Jonah: The Prodigal and Praying Prophet**
- * **Jonah: The Preaching And Pouting Prophet**
- * **Peter’s Summary of The Christian Life**

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.



Are You Active This Week?

This is just the first day of this Gospel Meeting at Clarksville!

Goals & Expectations For This Week:

- ⇒ Invite someone each day of the meeting
- ⇒ Talk about something you learned or had an impact on you from the previous lesson each day with a co-worker, neighbor, etc.
- ⇒ Be here every assembly
 - *Thus encouraging one another*
 - *And proving our dedication to those who might be visiting*

Last Weeks' Answer: Esau (Genesis 25:19-26)

Submitted: Martha Allen — Well done!

(Submit your answers before the next bulletin is published revealing the answer)

WHO AM I IN THE BIBLE?

- I'm a fisherman by trade
- I followed Jesus at the first
- I am described as "the disciple whom Jesus loved"
- My brother was also a disciple and apostle
- I wrote: "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life"

Theme: AUTHORITY in the Church Work Is This A Good Argument? Really?

A couple years ago I was watching a heated debate about whether abortion should be legal or not. Each side gave their arguments (though, not all of equal caliber). Then, the pro-abortion advocates caught my attention with one off-the-wall question: "You spend so much time on this, but if you really care about human life -and women's lives in particular- why don't you donate to or spend more time on issues like breast-cancer."

Interesting... I didn't know breast cancer had anything to do with abortion. Frankly, it doesn't, and using this flawed logic hurt their (already crippled) case. Seriously, couldn't this argument be used in any discussion? It sure could, but that doesn't make it fair or sensible!

If someone donated to a breast cancer clinic but didn't donate to a diabetes research facility, does this mean they don't care about those who suffer from diabetes? Using this poor rationality would mean that this had to be the case! By extension, this would condemn those who worked in the same breast cancer clinic (who should be honored for their work) as uncaring, selfish, and prejudiced. Does this even make sense?

No fair or honest person would suggest this! This argument wasn't given to progress the search for truth at all, but was merely a smokescreen.

So Why Are So Many Using This Logic With The Bible?

People constantly do this when it comes to discussions on the work of the Church! If we want to know what the scope of the work of any institution, organization, or group is we must go to the head/top/boss. It's the same with the Church (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18). Christ decides what the work is, what it should look like, what its focus is, etc.

God has made it clear what the work of the church is! And that is to "further the administration of God" (1 Tim. 1:4) and to "make known the manifold wisdom of God" (Eph. 3:10). The scope of this work is NOT for political function, social justice, recreation, entertainment, corporate gain, or any other thing man might come up with. It is specifically for evangelism – seeking and saving the lost through the same Gospel message we were saved by (Matt. 28:18-20; Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 1:18, 24).

- "So you don't care about the poor out on the streets?" If I didn't that would certainly be a heart problem, but God didn't say the Church was to act as a food pantry! And, frankly, this would be a shameful argument to make! Would we say that animal shelters don't care about the homeless because their means and expenses are designated for another purpose? So how is it fair to say this about the Church?
- "You don't believe in providing support to the underprivileged in our community?" Of course I do, but can I just use the church's funds for any reason I want? No more than an employee could use company funds on their own personal vacation! So how is it reasonable to think this way about the Church?
- "Why not invest that money so that you can gain more? Businesses do that all the time!" Is the Church a business? There's value in seeing how even the world does not question the need for authority in corporate life. There are examples above proving just that, but we can't learn the wrong lesson and turn the Church into a secular organization with secular motives, rules, and practices! The Church doesn't profit off of the stock market, investments, raffles, basketball tournaments, or anything of that nature. Instead of finding roundabout ways for the church to prosper, God wants one to give "as **he** may prosper" (1 Cor. 16:2). He doesn't want one to give of another accord but "of their **own** accord" (2 Cor. 8:3). This is to be a personal, direct, cheerful, and willing investment that we're "giving." So how is it to be any of those things if we're treating the Church like an corporation?

Luke Capps