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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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Luke Capps
 will be preaching today.

We are on week # 18 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
 Hebrews 5:1-8

Scripture Reading
AM: Matthew 25:14-30
PM: Proverbs 23:23

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month 62
 Invites last month: 20
 Visitors YTD:

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 Matt. 28:18
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Parable of The Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

I. Tasked With The Talents (vv. 14-19)

- A. The master entrusts what’s important to him to his servants (v. 14).**
- B. “According to their own ability” (v. 15).**
- C. Regardless of their ability, each was able to do what was tasked!**
- D. So, what has the Master (i.e. God) entrusted YOU with?**

II. The Master’s Reward

- A. We will earn the reward we receive.**
 - (1) Whether it be the reward of the unfaithful (vv. 24-28).**
 - (2) Or the reward of the faithful (vv. 19-23).**

Conclusion

- A. What have you worked for? The reward of heaven OR hell?**
- B. To “enter into the joy of our Master” we must be faithful in our service to Him!**
 - (1) We must perform the tasks He has given to us in His Word.**
 - (2) We do not get to excuse ourselves by any means.**
 - (3) We must live every day like we are trying to actively please our Master — because He is coming back.**
- C. Can you even be considered a “servant” of God if you’re not yet a Christian?**

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
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Luke Capps

Can You Buy Truth?

Proverbs 23:23

I. “What Is Truth?” (John 18:38)

- A. It's not subjective, pluralistic, or relative!
- B. But it is objective, exclusive, and absolute!
- C. Truth is defined, decreed, and revealed in God (Jn. 14:6).

II. “Buy Truth”

- A. It comes at a cost — truth can be difficult to accept (John 8:32).
- B. But the cost is worth it (Mt. 13:44-46).
- C. While worth it, it can be painful (Heb. 4:12).

III. “Do Not Sell It”

- A. How can we sell truth today?
 - (1) Give it up for worldly gain
 - (2) Compromise with sin
 - (3) Fellowship with darkness, thinking it won't matter
 - (4) Not speaking about it to keep from conflict
 - (5) Etc.

Last Weeks' Answer: John (brother of James)

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

WHO AM I IN THE BIBLE?

- I was named with two other men that started a rebellion against God and Moses
- I was a Levite
- I lived during the years of Israel's wandering in the wilderness
- I am mentioned in Jude

Theme: AUTHORITY in the Church Work Eating In The Church Building

It may come as a surprise to many that “eating in the church building” is a non-issue. In fact, I have never known nor heard of anyone who opposed eating in the church building. I know of no one who says that it is wrong for a preacher to carry his lunch to work and eat it along with coffee made in the Keurig on his desk. Or a child being fed a cracker during services. Or a maintenance worker eating a snack and drinking a coke as he/she cleans the building. Or even a worker at the church building doing pushups or jogging on the church's property. After all, the church building/meeting place is not sacred like our Catholic friends generally consider churches (buildings) to be.

The real issue behind the discussion about “eating in the church building” is what are the works of local churches and how they are authorized and executed. Most agree that the local church is authorized to do certain things as a church and that the authorization of a thing includes expedients needed to execute it. As examples, authorization for assembling for worship includes facilities to assemble. Authorization for teaching/preaching the gospel includes the facilities to do that. Authorization for relieving poor saints includes the facilities needed. The list could go on.

Without the authorization for any of these things there is no authorization for the facilities. Without the authority for assembly worship there would be no authority for a place of public worship. If the work of the church was to provide social meals, recreational activities, etc., there would be authority for the church to provide the facilities – kitchens, dining halls, gyms, ball fields, etc. Calling them “fellowship” activities does not change their nature.

As noted above, incidental things that might be done on the premises of a facility are not parallel to setting up a new work for the church and providing facilities for it. Referring to us as “our anti eating in the church building” brethren, because we oppose church sponsored social meals, makes about as much sense as calling us “our anti exercise in the church building” brethren, because we oppose churches building gymnasiums.

Much is made of churches, in New Testament days, meeting in private homes. How that after the worship, they would likely have a meal together in the same house, etc. Yes, and some churches today, at least in the beginning, meet in private homes. Nothing wrong with it. When a local church exists, it must have the facilities needed to function as a church. How do they get them? They may be acquired by buying, renting, borrowing, or receiving gratis. Structurally, they may stand alone or they may have adjoining rooms or buildings. Especially those rented and borrowed are often acquired for certain days and hours. On those days and hours, they are under the control of the church. At other times they are under the control of someone else.

A church may borrow or rent a living room, a dining room, a kitchen and a bedroom from a family for Bible classes and assembly worship. Thus, the church is given and receives control of these and uses them to carry out their authorized activities during the time they are rented or borrowed. By the way, the church could not rent or borrow them for social and recreational activities. But, after the church has used them for the time and purpose they rented or borrowed them, the control went back to family. The family then might use them for a meal or other social and recreational activities.

I have done gospel meetings where the church met in a hotel conference room. One that I especially remember was in hotel with a nice dining hall, a state-of-the-art exercise room, swimming pool (no, I didn't use it because my bathing suit had a hole in the knee) and other amenities. During that meeting, my wife and I ate most of our meals, did our exercises, watched TV and slept under the same roof that I preached the meeting under. The rented conference room was the only room controlled by the church doing that meeting. The church had scriptural authority for everything that was done in that room during the meeting. This scenario does not mean that the church could have rented that room and used it for social and recreational purposes. Why? Simply because that is not the work of the church.

So, if you prefer to label me as being anti certain things, please try to be accurate in reporting what I am against. It is not incidental eating and drinking in the “church building.” Nor is it incidental exercise by someone on church property. It is the church having, as part of its work, social and recreational activities – planned, supervised and carried out by the church. The only possible authorization for a church fellowship hall and gymnasium would be that the things they facilitate be works of the church.

Ed Bragwell