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#### Sundays

Bible Study	9:30 AM
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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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# Joshua Haub

will be preaching today.

We are on week # 26 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

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Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

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

# Scripture Reading

AM: Mark 8:27-30 PM: Mark 9:2-7

## **Encouragement Tally**

Invites this month10 Invites last month: 8 Visitors YTD: 10

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# The

# Clarksville Beacon

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Our Theme for 2023...
"Courageous Christians!"

1 Cor. 16:13

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# Who is Jesus and Should I Be Following Him?

# 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.

# <u>VISITORS</u>

Please fill out a visitor's card or scan the QR code below and provide the information requested.



Text: Mark 8:27-9:1

Who is Jesus?
I. Should I Follow Him?
II. What Does it Mean to Follow?

Joshua Haub

# In Whom Do I Trust and Believe? Mark 9:2-29 !. Transfiguration II. Trusting in Self III. Internal Struggle for Belief in Jesus Joshua Haub

# Joy is Worth the Sorrow of Loss

"For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God . . ." (1 Thessalonians 3:9).

THOSE WHO BECOME CYNICAL ABOUT LOVE ARE FOOLS. The fact that we're going to have to relinquish all of our loves in this world doesn't mean we can't enjoy them deeply. And having already lost some of our cherished relationships, if they were virtuous we should never say we wish we'd never had them.

Consider, as a case study, Paul's relationship with the church in Thessalonica. When Paul first came to that city, he was only able to stay there a short time. After less than a month, it was felt best for him to leave the city due to the intense persecution that had arisen. But Paul was not ready to leave. It grieved him to depart from those whom he had so quickly come to love. And when he wrote back to Thessalonica, he spoke openly of his sorrow, his concern, and his longing for the saints there: "when we could no longer endure it, we thought it good to be left in Athens alone, and sent Timothy . . . to encourage you concerning your faith" (1 Thessalonians 3:1,2). Paul was in agony over the difficulties these brethren faced. He longed desperately to see them and wasn't sure if he would ever have that joy again. All things considered, Paul's heart was broken, and that would never have happened if he'd never loved these people. But do you think Paul had any regrets? If you do, then you've seriously misjudged this man's heart: "For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God." Paul understood that, in this world, love is a bittersweet blessing.

The grief of loss is a part of the price that must be paid for the privilege of earthly love. Anyone who has ever truly loved understands this aspect of love. "Ae fond kiss, and then we sever! / Ae farewell, alas, for ever! / Deep in heart-wrung tears I'll pledge thee, / Warring sighs and groans I'll wage thee!" (Robert Burns).

But love is worth it! Our great Father has placed within our earthly home many joys worth loving. When we love them, we are blessed. And what is more, when we love them deeply and truly, we are drawn to their Maker. That they must be given up, even sorrowfully, is a small price to pay for the glory that they lead to.

"Better to have loved and lost than not to have loved at all" (Seneca).

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