

Whispering Hills

Church of Christ



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Gathering Times

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

Updates will be forthcoming as to the continual changes with COVID-19.

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HOW TO BE SAVED

1. Hear (Rom 10:17; Jn 6:45)
2. Believe (Jn 8:24; Heb 11:6)
3. Repent (Lk 13:3,5; Ac 2:38)
4. Confess (Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9, 10)
5. Baptized (Mk 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21)



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Never rest in serving God,
if problems come in your way, go on.

If people try to destroy your faith,

HOLD ON.

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For as long as **God** is there,
there will always be a light, a hope, a way.

Make every moment full of love
and hope from God.

YOU are BLESSED beyond measure.

Weekly Bible Reading

November 8, 2020	Mark 1 - 8
November 9, 2020	Mark 9 - 16
November 10, 2020	Luke 1 - 8
November 11, 2020	Luke 9 - 18
November 12, 2020	Luke 17 - 24
November 13, 2020	John 1 - 7
November 14, 2020	John 8 - 14
November 15, 2020	John 15 - 21

Our religious conviction:

God chose to save the world by sending His Son, Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (Rom 10:17).

Those who choose to listen and obey the Gospel message SHALL be saved (Ac 2:38).

God adds them to the Church of the Bible which His Son is coming for one day (2 The 1:7 - 10).



food for thought

Importance of Worship

“not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting *one another*; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh” (Heb 10:25). A vital part of Christianity is worshipping God together and studying His Word. Faithful worship is essential to grow Spiritually and remain faithful to the Lord. There is strength and encouragement to come from worshipping God with fellow Christians, which nothing else will produce. Some Christians forsake the assembly. To continue forsaking of the assembly tempts one to backslide and perhaps turn away from Christ altogether. This teaching is expressed negatively in this verse. The positive way to state it would be, "Whatever you do, be sure to attend the assembly of the saints". As far as **exhorting one another** is the encouraging of one another at the worship assembly. Worship of the entire church is vital to Spiritual Maturity (1 Cor 10:4; 14:12). Much of this takes place when assembled together worshipping God. There are 3 basic interpretations concerning: **the day drawing nigh**: (1) The Lord's Day [1st day of the week]; (2) The destruction of the city of Jerusalem 70 AD; and (3) The 2nd Coming of Jesus. Most agree it is not the Lord's Day (never referred previously in this way). Many conclude it is the destruction of the city of Jerusalem in 70 AD as foretold by Jesus (Mt 24:36-44). Based upon the assumption the epistle was written primarily to Jews in Palestine shortly before 70 AD. This limits the understanding of this epistle primarily to these Jewish Christians in Jerusalem or Palestine. Christians are reminded His Coming may be at any time (1 Pet 3:1-13). Christians must be ready for the 2nd Coming of Jesus every day (2 Pet 3:14-18). Though Jesus has not come (Rev 3:11; 22:7, 12, 20), everyday His 2nd Coming is one day nearer. In the 1st century [early church], there was a great expectation for His 2nd Coming, so there must be this same expectation today (1 The 5:2). Whether here or there, life is “in Him” The closer we live to Him, the nearer we are to them.

Sacrifice are qualities universally viewed as admirable. This concept of sacrifice, at its core, is the very essence of Christianity. When indignation arose after the mother of James and John asked Jesus for favor for her sons in the kingdom, He responded saying selfish thinking was not part of being one of His Followers: “**Not so shall it be among you: but whosoever would become great among you shall be your minister; and whosoever would be first among you shall be your servant:**” (Mt 20:26, 27). Service and sacrifice are the highest attributes a Christian can possess. Even Jesus, in speaking of Himself said, “**even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many**” (Mt 20:28). Our own Lord came in a serving manner, sacrificing Himself for us, so we might live. Christianity is about service and LOVE (Jn 14:15). To put others first before self. Every day it starts all over. If you desire to be His Disciple, you must “**If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me**” (Lk 9:23). Let remember our relationship with Christ and NEVER forget the importance of serving our Lord (Col 3:24).

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10:24-25

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PRAYER REQUEST

Continuous Prayers: Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Clouds, Ron Forge, Christina Jones, Miguel Graves, Joyce Fair Patricia Hurd, Ruby Busby (Bro/Sis Busby's FAMILY), Sheila Harris, Curtis Ward, Joyce Gutierrez, Vernon Skinner (Sis Skinner's son), Mattie Stafford, Annette Rolette, Chris White (Sis White's son) Adam McCants (Bro Ramsey's daughter father-in-law), Ray and Byron Busby (Bro/Sis Busby's sons) Joel Sotelo Vazquez / Bertha Tapia [Mexico City, Mexico], Alfredo Cabrera/Ana Yescas (Bro Ramsey's friend) Maria Diaz (Sis Skinner's neighbor), Willie Gray (Sis Gray's brother-in-law) Anthony Yescas (Bro Ramsey's friend)

Sick: Arthur Henry, Dan Allen, Jerry Birdow, Jose (Bro Spataro's friend)

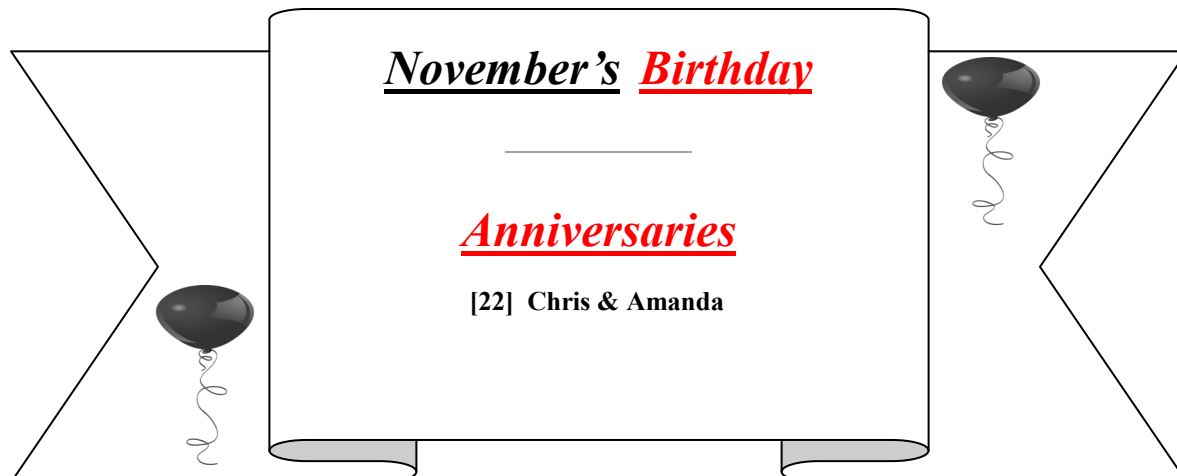
General: Demetria Washington, Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother), Kelvin & Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brothers), Simon Young, Sam Lily (Sis Guthrie's stepson), James Hunter, Jr, Michael Neazer, M. Staton, Milicent Douglas (Sis Glasker's neice), Theresa Farqua (Bro Spataro sister-in-law) Howard Curtis (Bro Curtis' father), John Carpenter (Sis Simon's brother)

UPDATES:

1. Please ensure [we] have ALL relevant information pertaining to birthdays and anniversaries for our Bulletin to be current, so [we] may collectively participate in these extra special events with you. If in doubt, please share it, again for ALL of us to know.
2. **Bro Birdow** visited the ER (Sun & Tues) this past week, BUT is home (with Sis Birdow) and feeling much better [03 Nov].

Upcoming Activities / Announcements

1. **Door Knocking Campaign** Postponed until further notice.
2. **Veteran's Day** (Wednesday: 11/11/2020)
3. **Thanksgivings Day** (Thursday: 11/26/2020)



LET NOT MAN BE DECEIVED

Matthew 24:4, 5

INTRODUCTION:

1. Webster defines deception as "The act of being deceived".
 1. It has to do with fraud, subterfuge, trickery, chicanery, dishonesty and intent to mislead.
2. There is much deception in the world.
 - A. Newspapers carry reports of "con-men" duping citizens out of large sums of money.
3. Being a good, trusting and sincere person makes one more susceptible.
4. The Bible has a lot to say about deception.
 - A. Though the word "deception" is **NOT** in the KJV, some form of it is found 126 times.
5. Much of what the Bible says about deception is warnings against being deceived.
 - A. Jesus warns against being deceived by others (Mt 24:4, 5).
 1. Paul warns against self-deception (1 Cor 3:18).

BODY:

1. **IS MAN AS WISE AS GOD? (1 Cor 3:18, 19)**
 - A. The problem is man's wisdom "is foolishness compared to God" (Isa 55:8, 9).
 - B. There are many "unauthorized" things man have made a part of religion.
 1. Means of raising money (1 Cor 16:1, 2).
 2. Mechanical Instrumental Music (Eph 5:19; Col 3:16, 17).
 3. Faith "ONLY" as what is needed for salvation (Jas 2:24).
 4. "Sinner's Prayer" salvation (Ac 9:6, 11, 22:16).
 4. Sprinkling as a "mode" of baptism (Ac 8:38; Rom 6:4).
 5. The Lord's Supper taken annually, semi-annually, quarterly, monthly, etc. (Ac 20:7).
 - C. Similar activities leave us deceived and our worship in vain (Mt 15:9; Heb 5:9).
2. **WILL THE UNRIGHTEOUS INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD? (1 Cor 6:9, 10)**
 1. Without holiness, **NO** man shall see God (Heb 12:14; Rev 22:15).
3. **ARE EVIL COMPANIONS GOOD MORALS? (1 Cor 15:33)**
 - A. [We] need to select our close associates carefully (Pro 1:10 – 16).
4. **IS MAN SOMETHING WHEN THE BIBLE SAYS NOTHING? (Gal 6:1 – 3)**
 - A. The tragedy is thinking man is invincible (cannot be overtaken in the fault of his brother).
 1. However, the New Testament teaches the contrary (1 Cor 10:12).
5. **WILL MAN REAP WHAT IS NOT SOWED? (Gal 6:7, 8)**
 - A. At judgment, [we] will "receive the things done in the body, good or bad" (2 Cor 5:10).
6. **IS MAN TO BE A HEARER OF THE BIBLE AND NOT A DOER (Jas 1:22 – 26)**
 - A. Mt 7:26, 27 reveals the tragedy of this deception.
7. **MUST MAN CONTROL HIS TONGUE? (Jas 1:26)**
 - A. The Bible abounds with warnings against misuse of the tongue (Mt 12:37; Jas 3:1 – 10).
8. **WHAT IF MAN SAYS HE HAS NO SIN? (1 Jn 1:8 – 10)**
 - A. The tragedy of this deception is [we] call God a liar.
 1. The reason for this is "ALL" being guilty of sin (Rom 3:9, 19, 23).

CONCLUSION:

1. It is humanly acceptable to amaze the deceiver and thus overcome being deceived.
 - A. The choice is ours (Jos 24:15-22; Lk 14:25-33; Jn 6:67).