

Volume III, Issue II

# Worship Times

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

### Location

Temporarily: TownePlace Suites by Marriott Dallas/DeSoto (directions provided inside)

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

### **Leadership**

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### **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 because it is purchased with His Blood (Ac 20:28; 2 The 1:7-10).

### 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)

# TEN WAYS TO LOVE

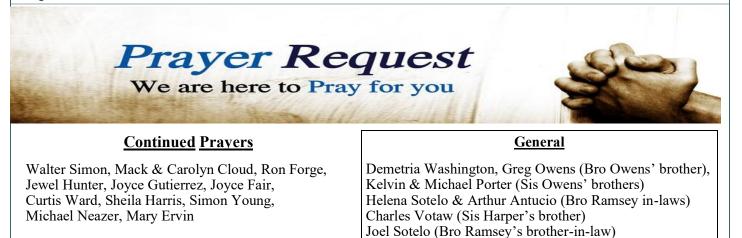
# Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18:13)

- Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
- Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
- Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
- 5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
- Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
- 7. Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
- 8. Trust without wavering. ([Corinthians 13:7)
- 9. Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
- 10. Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)

### <u>Thank you for visiting with us</u>

Our goal is to worship God according to His Will just as the Christians in the first century did (Ac 2:42). Please ask us a question about the reason why we worship the way we do (1 Pet 3:15). Also, please take the time to fill out an attendance card today (in the holder facing you) and give it to one of our members acknowledging your presence with us.





Wanda Burden (former member)

Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsey's daughter)

Grieving

# **Updates** /Announcements

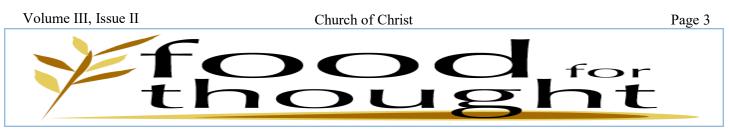
- [1] Our PRAYERS should echo loud and clear on a daily basis for God's GRACE, MERCY and LOVE by taking nothing for granted as [we] continue to live up to His Expectations and Commands through obedience (Mt 7:21-23).
- [2] The Whispering Hills Church of Christ will be worshipping at this location [temporarily] each Lord's Day @ 10:30 AM: TownePlace Suites by Marriott Dallas DeSoto

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### **Traveling Instructions:**

At the intersection of Cockrell Hill/Hwy 67 N (adjacent to the recently closed Luby's Restaurant on the North Service Road behind Valero Gas Station), proceed North towards Camp Wisdom Rd/Wheatland Rd. Less than .2 of a mile, turn Right on Barrymore Ln; then turn Left onto Travis St (hotel visible to your Right) [3] Daylight Saving Time [March 14, 2021 - SPRING Forward]



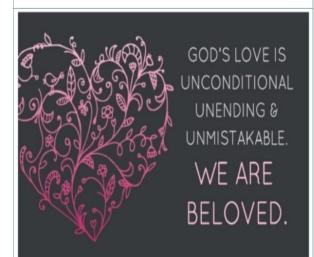


### THE GOOD SAMARITAN Luke 10:33 - 37

The Bible says, "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave *them* to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise" (Lk 10:33-37). The man whose nationality was not identified was beaten and robbed. The Jews did not consider Samaritans their neighbors, but half-breeds and were despised. Notice how the Samaritan was moved with compassion and proceeded to do ALL he could to help. He is called the good Samaritan because he immediately administered first aid by washing his wounds with wine (served as a disinfectant and antiseptic because of its alcoholic content). Then poured soothing oil into the wounds (acting as a salve). Placed him on his donkey and took him to the inn. After getting him a room, stayed by his side taking care of him throughout the night. The next morning, he had to be on his way, but made arrangements for the wounded man (whom he did not know) to be cared for in his absence. A shilling [denarii] was the average day's wage, so two denarii(s) would take care of him for several days. Notice the conversation with the innkeeper, if this was not enough, he would reimburse him when he returned. He did ALL he could (and then some). Is there a question on the table for us to consider: Do I behave as a neighbor to those needing my love and help? Christians are to show their love to everyone. They must help who needs help regardless of their race, creed or color; love because of who they are; and help even when one has brought the trouble on oneself. This must be practical [compassionate]. This parable (Lk 10:25-37) should hold a special place in the hearts of ALL Christians!! When we consider the love and mercy demonstrated by the Good Samaritan, we are [even today] able to glean many necessary and valuable lessons to enlighten our daily lives with the LOVE and JOY of Christ in a meaningful way. LOVE involves ACTION!! The activity of service. It motivates one to be busy doing something—love serves! We find the word "do" [3] times in this passage (10:25, 28, 37). If we go back and look at the question asked: "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Remember the answer: Jesus said, "this do, and thou shalt live...Go, and do thou likewise" (Lk 10:25, 28, 37). There is the activity—we often think about love as being an emotion or sentiment, but this is not what the Bible teaches. It talks about love being active - it does something. This is the reason we can love our enemies (Mt 5:44) because it is not an emotion. Do you see a problem, if loving an enemy involved an emotional love? When it involves doing and showing concern for one's welfare, one is not only ABLE, but WILLING to do good things to assist, although one may be an enemy (Pro 10:12; 1 Pet 4:8). Love is practical. Remember the religious question (Lk 10:25)? Pay close attention to the answer given. This question is taken out of the temple placing it on the rugged road from Jerusalem to Jericho (Lk 10:37). How many of us would think about finding the answer to a religious, controversial question outside of the church building somewhere on the roadside? Jesus said the answer is practical and we should learn about this. If this is active in our lives, then it means there is activity outside of the church building (activity of loving God and loving neighbor places us down on the roadside where people are in need). More of us may be as this lawyer than there are those who are as this Samaritan. I have been too many times as the lawyer and not enough as the Samaritan. One of the significant things characteristic of Luke is all the way through, the people he referenced are relatively unimportant as far as specificity (unnamed). This is one of Luke's "certain" men described as Christ (in the gospel of Luke, this word "*certain*" is used 43 times). Thus, the gospel of Christ is not in any fashion selective about for whom it is intended—it is for everybody!! Love is practical (Jn 14:15)!! Love sees things differently (Lk 10:33) because it is costly. The priest and Levite saw exactly the same man as the Samaritan, but they saw something different-not LOVE. His schedule of flexibility cost him some time, expense and effort (Lk 10:34, 35). He saw the innkeeper was paid - this is cost! David (2 Sam 24:24) knew of this valuable lesson and we are to learn it, too! There is much to learn from the Good Samaritan's LOVE!!

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"And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence" (Col 1:18).



## Weekly Bible Reading

March 14, 2021	Psalms	131 - 140
March 15, 2021	Psalms	141 - 150
March 16, 2021	Proverbs	01 - 08
March 17, 2021	Proverbs	09 - 16
March 18, 2021	Proverbs	17 - 24
March 19, 2021	Proverbs	25 - 31
March 20, 2021	Ecclesiastics	01 - 12
March 21, 2021	Songs of Solomor	n 01 - 08

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

