

Whispering Hills

Church of Christ



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Gathering Times

Sunday Bible Class	09:30 AM
Sunday Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening	7:00 PM

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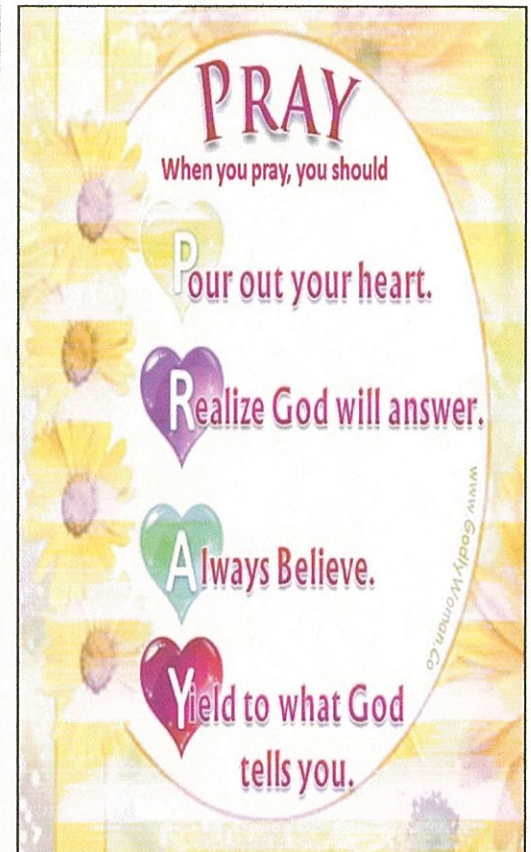
Weekly Bible Reading

19 April 2020	Daniel 5 - 8
20 April 2020	Daniel 9 - 12
21 April 2020	Hosea 1 - 7
22 April 2020	Hosea 8 - 14
23 April 2020	Joel
24 April 2020	Amos
25 April 2020	Obadiah & Jonah

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)


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 (Acts 2:38). God adds them to the Church of the Bible which His Son is coming for one day (2 The 1: 7 - 10)



The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

Trust
IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR
Heart
AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN
understanding
PROV 3:5



food for thought

HOW STRONG IS YOUR FAITH

What a wonderful acclamation of Paul to the Christians at Rome about their faith being spoken of throughout the whole world (Rom 1:8). How wonderful it would be if the faith of every Christian today was spoken of the same way and an example of how it must remain (Eph 2:8, 9; Heb 1:6; 3:12, 18, 19).

Let's contemplate some of Paul's expressions, to the Romans, as he reflects these concepts to the entire world as we know today because, even though we all sin and fall short of His Glory (3:23; 1 Jn 1:9-10), there are a few things we must do in order for our faith to as strong as we need, which are in agreement to the expression of the Apostle Peter (2 Pet 1:5-10).

[1] Be not ashamed of the gospel of Christ (1:16);

[2] Live by faith (1:17);

[3] Glorify Him and be thankful for what he has done for you (1:21);

[4] Be patient and steadfast in seeking eternal glory, honor, and immortality (2:7);

[5] Do good in order to ensure His blessings (2:10);

[6] Be doers of the law of Christ and love in order to be justified (2:13).

[7] For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect (3:3)? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged (3:4).



The faithful, however, do not do these things so their faith may be spoken of by men. We do all we can to hear our faith spoken of by Christ in Judgment (Mt 7:15-27; 10:40-42; 25:21, 23; Jn 12:26; 14:3, 15; 15:14; 17:24; Rom 10:13-17; Gal 1:10; Php 1:23; 2 Tim 2:12; Heb 12:2; 1 Pet 1:8; Rev 7:17).

Your hardest times often lead to the greatest moments of your life. Keep the faith. It will all be worth it in the end.

PRAYER REQUEST

Continuous Prayers: Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Clouds, I.V. Jones (Bro Jones' dad), Ann Busby, Joyce Fair, Patricia Hurd, Ron Daly (friend of Bro Hunter [Indianapolis, IN]), Ron Forge, Edward Tisby, Ray & Ruby Busby (family of the Busby's), Shelia Harris, Sam Lily, Joel Sotelo Vazquez [Mexico City, Mexico] Bro Archie Greene (Unity and Leadership [Charlestown, WV])

Sick: Arthur Henry, Brenda Martin, Baby Zarkiah, Dan Allen, Jerry Birdow, Jose (Bro Santos' friend), Ruth Davenport

General: Demetria Washington, Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother), Kelvin & Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brothers), Simon Young, Randy Murray, Darius Bell (Bro/Sis Bell's son), Arriana Porter

Door Knocking Campaign Prayer List: James & Charlotte Eaton

UPDATES:

1. **Sis Joyce Fair:** Home recovering
2. **Sis Ruth Davenport:** Recovering process is proceeding slowly, but effective
3. **Sam Lily:** Sis Guthrie's stepson was burnt during work; a long recovery is expected
4. **Arriana Porter:** Bro/Sis Owens' niece was released from the hospital (Wed 04/08/2020)
5. **Johnny Blanks:** Sis Langston's uncle passed away (Mon 04/13/2020)
6. **Lucille Pipkins:** Bro Pipkins' (former member who relocated) sister-in-law is very ill
7. **Patrick Roberson:** Bro/Sis Owens' nephew is ill

Upcoming Activities/Announcements

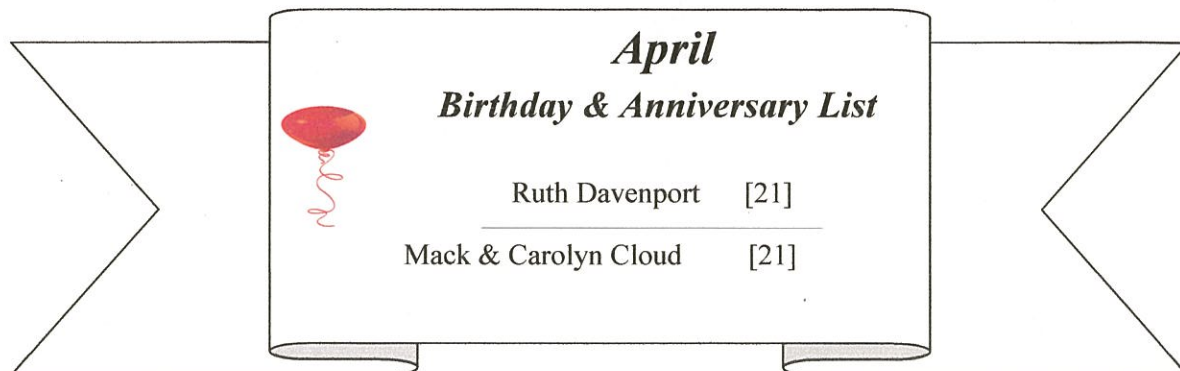
1. **Door Knocking Campaign** Postponed until further notice.

2. **Duncanville Lectureship 2020:**

Theme: "In The Beginning"

Date: August 6 - 8, 2020 [Thursday, Friday & Saturday]

Location: 2126 S. Main St Duncanville, TX 75317 [Whispering Hills Church of Christ]





Sermon Notes

1 Cor 9:16 - 18 “For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.”

Subject: **STANDING IN THE GAP**

Scripture Reference: **EZEKIEL 22:23-31**

STANDING IN THE GAP

Ezekiel 22:23 – 31

INTRODUCTION:

1. Judah turned her back on God and worshipped idols like backsliding Israel.
 - A. She failed to keep the Sabbaths, which were tokens of the covenant made with God.
 - B. She **NO** longer trusted God, **BUT** made alliances with foreign nations.
2. Ezekiel points out the sins of Jerusalem and her impending doom:
 - A. Prophets made merchandise of the people (vs 25, 28).
 - B. Priests were violating, instead of teaching the law (v26).
 - C. Civil rulers were like wolves after the sheep (v27).
 - D. People oppressed the poor and strangers (v29).
3. God sought for a man to “STAND IN THE GAP” (v30).
 - A. To rebuke God's people for their sins and stand against the tide of wickedness.
 - B. To teach the truth in the midst of error and prevent their destruction by a heathen nation.
 - C. **NO** one would so the city would experience the wrath / indignation of God (vs 30, 31).
4. There's a gap between God and His people due to an increasing disregard for truth (3 Jn 1-4).
5. The question needed to be asked; “Who Will Stand In The Gap?”

BODY:

1. CONTENT TO STAND ON THE SIDE WHILE BOMBARDING STRONGHOLDS

- A. The essentiality of baptism, obedience, Bible authority, marriage-divorce and remarriage, a cappella singing, etc. are all facing bombardment from both within and without.
 1. Many are pre-occupied w/ worldliness
 - A. Hag 1:2-6; Mt 6:19-21; Lk 8:14; 12:33; 2 Tim 4:10S
 2. Many are thinking our cry is much ado about nothing.
 - A. Legion is the number saying, “Leave it alone, it will die out” (Ac 5:33 – 39).
 - B. Many say, “You are just envious of their success”.
 1. Mt 7:21 – 27; Mk 16:15, 16; Rom 1:16; Galatians 1:6-9; 2 Jn 9-11;
- C. Many say, “Preach Jesus and leave issues alone.”
 1. **BUT**, this can **NOT** be done because to preach Jesus is to preach the “issues He is concerned with (Hos 4:6; Ac 20:20, 26-27; Tit 3:10, 11).
 2. Many are waiting for someone else to stand for them (Mt 16:24; Eph 6:10 – 17).
 3. Many are inviting the adversary to have his way, thinking it is for the best.
 - A. God's Way is BEST (Jos 24:14 – 16; Pro 3:5 – 7; 4:12; Jer 10:23).

2. WHO SHOULD BE STANDING IN THE GAP?

- A. Those who love God and His Word (Jer 20:8, 9; 2 Cor 5:14, 15)
- B. Those having and hoping to benefit from the truth.
 1. Preachers (1 Cor 9:14)
 2. Brotherhood schools (Gal 6:6; 2 Tim 2:2).
- C. Elders (Tit 1:9; Heb 13:17)
- D. Teachers and Professors (1 Tim 1:3; 4:16; Jas 3:1)
- E. Parents and Children (Eph 6:1 – 4; 2 Tim 1:3 – 5; 3:14, 15)
- F. All who have obeyed the truth (Lk 17:17, 18; Jn 8:31, 32)

3. WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT STANDING IN THE GAP?

- A. Compromise of the truth (1 Tim 4:1 – 3) / Abandonment of the truth (2 Tim 4:1 – 3)
- B. Increase of Ungodliness (Rom 1:18 – 32)
- C. Indignation and Wrath of God (Rom 2:7 – 11)