

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

12 April 2020	Ezekiel	1 - 8
13 April 2020	Ezekiel	9 - 16
14 April 2020	Ezekiel	17 - 24
15 April 2020	Ezekiel	25 - 32
16 April 2020	Ezekiel	33 - 40
17 April 2020	Ezekiel	41 - 48
18 April 2020	Daniel	1 - 4
19 April 2020	Daniel	5 - 8

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)

HOW TO BE SAVED

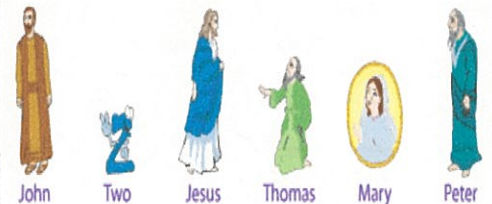
1. Hear (Rom 10:17; Jn 6:45)
2. Believe (Jn 8:24; Heb 11:6)
3. Repent (Lk 13:3,5; Ac 2:38)
4. Confess (Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9, 10)
5. Baptized (Mk 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21)

Hope is being able to see
that there is light despite
all of the darkness.

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Resurrection Quiz

Read the story of Jesus' Resurrection and choose the right answers to the questions below.



- _____ 1. Who thought Jesus was a gardener?
- _____ 2. Which disciple doubted Jesus was alive?
- _____ 3. Who was first to walk in the tomb?
- _____ 4. Who was asked, "Lovest thou me?"
- _____ 5. Who asked, "Do you have any fish?"
- _____ 6. How many people walked with Jesus on the way to Emmaus?

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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



food for thought

Stay Out of the Dark

It is no secret; lights shine the brightest on the darkest of backgrounds. That's why diamonds are often displayed on black velvet backdrops. Then, high-intensity lighting is directed at them, which they in turn reflect to the world around them. We, as God's People, are described in a similar, Spiritually method, approach and style (Mt 5:14-16; Rom 2:19, 20; 2 Cor 6:14; Eph 5:8-14; Php 2:14-16; 1 The 5:5; Heb 12:6-12).

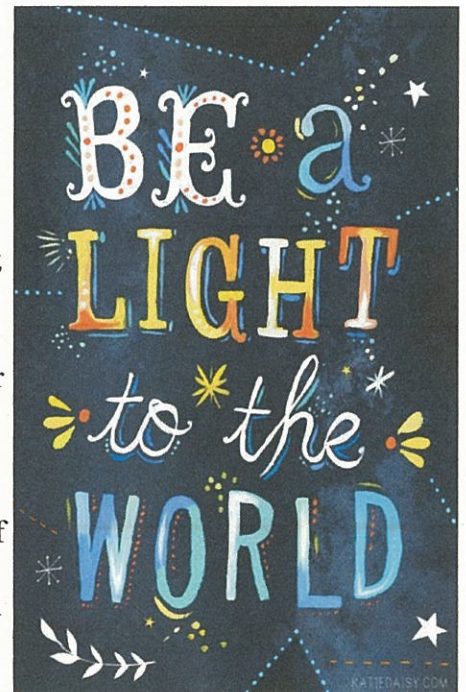
Christ Jesus, the Light of the world (Jn 1:4-9; 3:19; 8:12; 9:5; 12:35; Lk 1:78, 79; 2:32; Ac 13:47; 26:23), has shone His LOVE and GRACE upon us by saving us, so we in turn, can reflect by utilizing what He has given and shine His Light of HOPE into the dark world around us.

Let's face it, the world is in a very dark and threatening place as they have always been (even though some see it differently, but do not be alarmed or mislead because the world is the enemy of the LORD (Jn 15:19; Rom 12:2; Jas 4:4; 1 Jn 2:15-17; 5:4, 5, 10).

Even we, as God's chosen and elect by obedience can lose our hope, shine and luster, if we take our eyes off of Him by becoming anxious in our own minds (Mt 6:24; Lk 16:13; Rom 1:21-23, 28; Gal 1:10; Eph 2:2; Col 3:1, 2; 1 Tim 6:10). If that's the case with us, can you even begin to imagine the despair, darkness and devastating hopelessness of those without God and His Word at this or any other time (Rom 3:25; Ac 17:30; 26:17, 18; Gal 4:8; 1 Cor 1:21; 2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:11-22; 4:18; 2 The 2:14; Heb 10:31; 11:34)?

NOW is the **TIME**...to share with your family, friends and neighbors thru any avenue plausible, the everlasting HOPE one has in Christ Jesus. It is our PRAYER people will be more open to the LOVE of the gospel and willing to adhere to God's Plan (Rom 8:18, 28, 35; 2 The 1:6-10; 1 Pet 1:7, 8).

Seeking truth, we find Christians in the New Testament from the book of history being converted. They were scattered, unable to assemble because of the present danger, as a congregation in Jerusalem, God shined light into an area of darkness (Ac 8:1-8). What was the outcome? Preaching God's Word despite of difficulties and challenges to open hearts produces baptism and being added to the church (Ac 2:47; 8:9-40). It is powerful (Heb 4:12).



The world is consumed in darkness and desperately needs the Light [only] given by God. Do not horde, hide or hinder it, but — high-beam it! What is our vision for 2020? It should be just as clear as ever: seek and save the lost (Mt 18:11; Mk 16:15, 16; Lk 19:10; Jn 9:39-41; 1 Tim 1:13-16; Heb 6:4-8; 10:26-29; 7:25; 1 Jn 4:9-14).

**"Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:16**

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. **Jerome Freeman:** Bro Anderson's brother-in-law passed away
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]



April

Birthday & Anniversary List

Ruth Davenport	[21]
Arthur & Ann Busby	[12]
Mack & Carolyn Cloud	[21]



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: **THINGS TO HELP US LIVE FOR THE LORD**

Scripture Reference: **ZECHARIAH 1:2-6**

THINGS TO HELP US LIVE FOR THE LORD

Zechariah 1:2 – 6

INTRODUCTION:

1. In the book of Zechariah, several distinctive things will assist us to live for the Lord.
2. In this lesson [we] will discover four of these things in the book of Zechariah.

BODY:

1. A HIGH REGARD FOR GOD'S PURPOSE IN THE WORLD

- A. From these verses it appears Zechariah was impressed with the part God's prophets had played in giving the divine message to the world (Mt 23:20; Ac 7:52).
 1. Although these prophets had died, God's Purpose was still unfulfilled and clearly binding upon Israel (Zec 1:5; 2 Pet 3:2 – 4).
- B. God wanted His Representatives to repent and turn away from their wickedness, which had destroyed their fathers (Zec 1:3; Ac 15:9; 2 Cor 7:1; Jas 4:8–10; 1 Pet 1:22; 1 Jn 3:3).
- C. He was able to sense the meaning of God's Will for His People (Zec 1:6; Mt 24:25).
 1. To him, God's Word was more than a storehouse of ancient history.
 - A. Instead, it was an ever present witness to the living presence of God.
- D. Zechariah saw God's Purpose was to assist His Children as they turn to Him.

2. THE WORLD WIDE REACH OF GOD'S NEW KINGDOM TO COME

- A. Up until this time, and on into the future, His Kingdom was limited to the house of Israel.
- B. However, there was to come a kingdom whose borders would be worldwide.
 1. Zechariah caught something of the Spirit of the great prophet to the exiles (Ezekiel), and predicted the full growth and extent of the kingdom that was to come.
- C. Instead of a city built on the old foundation/religion corresponding exactly to the pre-exilic pattern, Zechariah conceived the plan of God as embracing a multitude of people.
 1. It had its central purpose a Spiritual religion to influence individuals to be like the Lord in thought, word and deed (Job 15:8; 22:2; 40:2; Isa 40:13, 14; Jer 23:18).
- D. At least four passages in Zechariah help us see this point (Zec 2:11; 6:15; 8:23; 14:8, 9).
- E. May [we] quickly recall the words of Jesus to the woman at the well (Jn 4:20 – 24).

3. THE COMING MESSIAH

- A. Zechariah's picture of the coming Messiah stirs the soul (Zec 9:9, 10),
 1. This great King is to come as the Prince of Peace vindicated, victorious and lowly.
- B. He comes triumphantly, yet peacefully.
 1. Instead of a war horse, he rides the humble beast used by kings on missions of peace.
- C. Scriptures noteworthy of study (Zec 2:10; 3:8-10; 6:12, 13; 9:9, 10; 12:10; 13:7).
- D. In the New Testament [we] find numerous passages showing the fulfillment and thoughts of Zechariah (Jn 15:15; 16:13-16; 17; 6-8; Rom 11:34; Eph 3:3, 4; 1 Cor 2:12)
 1. Truly, He was the Prince of Peace (Jn 14:27; Ac 10:36; Eph 2:14-18; Col 1:20, 21).

4. DIVINE SOVEREIGNTY

- A. Sovereignty: being the supremacy, the unlimitedness of God's Power (Zec 14:7 – 11).
- B. Jesus was to soon be born king over all earth (Mt 2:2; Rev 19:16).
 1. He would bring into existence an eternal kingdom, Him as King, to be world-wide
 2. He would be supreme ruler of it until...it is returned to God (Mt 28:18; 1 Cor 15:24).

CONCLUSION:

- A. Let's be part of this worldwide, Spiritual Kingdom OBEYING the gospel (2 The 2:14).