

Whispering Hills

Church of Christ



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Gathering Times

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| 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

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| 24 May 2020 | 1 Cor | 1 - 4 |
| 25 May 2020 | 1 Cor | 5 - 8 |
| 26 May 2020 | 1 Cor | 9 - 12 |
| 27 May 2020 | 1 Cor | 13 - 16 |
| 28 May 2020 | 2 Cor | 1 - 7 |
| 29 May 2020 | 2 Cor | 8 - 13 |
| 30 May 2020 | Galatians | |
| 31 May 2020 | Ephesians | |

***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)*

EMERGENCY

BIBLE NUMBERS

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| UPSET | JOHN 14 |
| WEAK | PSALM 18:1-29 |
| LONELY | PSALM 23 |
| SINNED | PSALM 51 |
| WORRIED | MATTHEW 8:19-31 |
| ANXIOUS | PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9 |
| UNHAPPY | COLOSSIANS 3:12-17 |
| IN DANGER | PSALM 91 |
| DEPRESSED | PSALM 27 |
| LACK OF FAITH | EXODUS 14 |
| NEED COURAGE | JOSHUA 1 |
| NEED DIRECTION | PSALM 73:21-26 |
| SEEKING PEACE | MATTHEW 11:25-30 |
| LEAVING ON A TRIP | PSALM 121 |
| STRUGGLING WITH LOSS | LUKE 15 |
| STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY | PSALM 37 |
| DISCOURAGED WITH WORK | PSALM 126 |

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)

PEACE IS NOT
THE ABSENCE OF STORMS.
Peace is the presence of God.



Trust As The Water Roll On

There's something very special and awe-inspiring about a long walk, along a sandy, sparsely-occupied, stretch of oceanside beach. Perhaps it is witnessing the awesome power of the pounding breakers as they crash in, white upon themselves, only to melt back into the foaming receders as they approach the sand. Maybe it has to do with knowing the interaction of those waves with the beach's sand simply reflects the infinite and invisible attributes, abilities and authority of almighty God (Jer 5:22; Am 9:6; Nah 1:4; Mk 4:39; Rom 1:18-21). After all, ever since the third day of creation (Gen. 1:9-13) God's Word has kept those mighty tides from rolling regularly and rhythmically in and out, without the slightest interruption or hesitation and despite the way things may appear to be, He is forever showering us with His Love in spite of what is going on in the world and lives of men (Col 1:17; Heb 11:3; 2 Pet 3:5; Rev 4:11). In addition to those thoughts is one of the greatest and most comforting things the sea could possibly bring to mind as children of God because of who He is and no matter how fierce, furious, frightening and life-threatening a storm and no matter how many lives it has claimed since its creation on day three; my God – it's Creator – is infinitely mightier indeed; therefore, He is able to rescue [carry me through] while delivering me from any storm I may encounter in my life!

The Psalmists declare, *"The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, than the mighty waves of the sea"* (Psa 93:4); and, *"O Lord God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O Lord? Your faithfulness also surrounds You. You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them"* (Psa 89:8, 9). David makes the point because God is able to calm the raging seas, He is therefore powerful enough to calm, carry, comfort, and completely deliver His people from all of their troubles as well (Psa 65:5-7). Again, this same eternal truth reiterates and reinforces itself: *"Those who go down to the sea in ships, who do business on great waters, they see the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep. For He commands and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up the waves of the sea. They mount up to the heavens, they go down again to the depths; their soul melts because of trouble. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end. Then they cry out to the Lord in their trouble, and He brings them out of their distresses. He calms the storm, so that its waves are still"* (Psa 107:23-29).

Then there was Job; a man who lost just about everything a man could ever lose except for his life, his wife, and his faith. Yet even he acknowledged the awesome power and ability of God to still preserve and rescue him from his circumstances when he stated of God, *"He alone spreads out the heavens, and treads on the waves of the sea"* (Job 9:8). Later on, God would again remind Job of His infinite ability to deliver, saying, *"Or who shut in the sea with doors, when it burst forth and issued from the womb; when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band; When I fixed My limit for it, and set bars and doors; When I said, This far you may come, but no farther, and here your proud waves must stop!"* (Job 38:8-11).

With this being Memorial Day weekend, as Christian, we should remember our Savior – no matter what storm one may be facing. Allow Him to guide/lead who both created the seas as well as calmed it (Mt 8:23-27; 14:22, 23; Jn 1:1-3; 1 Cor 8:6; Col 1:16, 17; Heb 1:10-12; 3:3, 4).

He who both created us physically and then through His Obedience not only re-created us Spiritually in Christ Jesus (Psa 22:9, 10; 104:24; 139:13-16; Rom 8:2; Eph 2:4-10; Col 3:1-4), BUT calmed our storms.

Why so fearful (Psa 46:1-3; Isa 42:3; 43:2; Mt 8:26; 14:31; Lk 8:25; Jn 6:19)? "Peace, be still" (Mk 4:39).

"Be still, and know that [He is] God" (Psa 46:10; 83:18; 100:3).

Let's be as knowledgeable as the Proverb writer: "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Pro 3:5, 6).



PRAYER REQUEST

Continuous Prayers: Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Clouds, I.V. Jones (Bro Jones' dad), Ron Forge, Christina Jones
 Patricia Hurd, Ray & Ruby Busby (family of the Busby's), Sheila Harris, Sam Lily,
 Joel Sotelo Vazquez [Mexico City, Mexico]

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

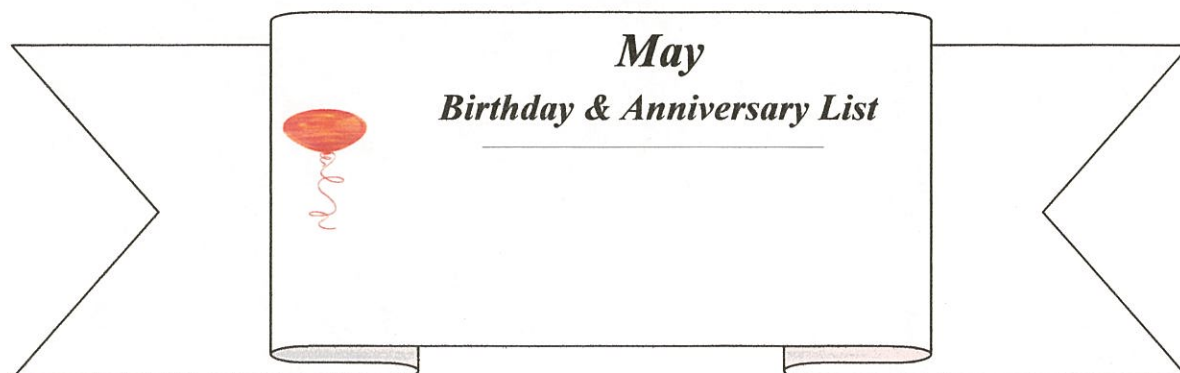
General: Demetria Washington, Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother), Kelvin & Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brothers),
 Simon Young, Randy Murray, Darius Bell (Bro/Sis Bell's son), Sam Lily (Sis Guthrie's stepson)
 Arthur Anderson, Felecia Langston, David Ramsey, Annett Rowlett, Mattie Stafford
 Carolyn Andrews, Lucille Pipkins
 Archie Greene (Unity and Leadership [Charlestown, WV])
 Patrick Roberson (Bro/Sis Owens' nephew)

UPDATES:

1. **Maria Santos:** At home on hospice (Bro/Sis Williams mother-in-law/mother)
2. **Pat Harper:** Under the weather, BUT is home
3. **Bro Ward:** Visits with us (often), BUT is back and forth to the hospital
4. **Michael McCants:** Cancerous tumor in spine (Bro Ramsey's daughter father-in-law)
5. **Duncanville Lectureship 2020:** Cancelled (05/09/2020)

Upcoming Activities/Announcements

1. **Door Knocking Campaign** Postponed until further notice.
2. **Duncanville Lectureship 2020:** **Cancelled**





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:

WHAT IS IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST

Scripture Reference:

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18—24

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WHAT IS IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST?

1 Corinthians 1:18 – 24

INTRODUCTION:

1. Within the Bible, one finds many things from which one may be able to draw lessons.
 - A. In this lesson, let's draw from "What Is In The Cross of Christ".
2. Those who stood at the foot of the cross (no doubt) saw many things.
 - A. Some, one would believe, never forgot.
3. Since [we] were **NOT** physically there, let's symbolically stand at the foot of the cross and consider the subject of, "What Is In The Cross of Christ".

BODY:

1. WHAT MAN IS (1 The 5:23)

- A. Contained within this passage is man is of dual nature.
 1. Body [physical]
 2. Soul [Spiritual]
- B. According to Isa 59:1, 2 what [we] may call a vast gulf spans between man God (55:8, 9).
- C. Thus, [we] can see in the cross God provided for the physical and Spiritual sides of man.

2. WHAT LOVE IS

- A. As [we] stand at the foot of the cross and gaze upon the Christ who hangs suspended between heaven and earth, [we] see the depth of the love of God (Jn 3:16; 1 Jn 3:16).
 1. Most likely, the majority of the world can tell you "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8).
 2. But, as [we] gaze upon the cross, [we] see just how much He Loved us (Rom 5:6 – 8).
- B. Viewing His Love, [we] must realize He did **NOT** Love us because [we] are so loveable.
 1. Rather...because it is His Nature (1 Jn 4:9 – 11).
- C. In the Cross of Christ, there is ample proof displaying God's Love.

3. WHAT SIN IS

- A. In the cross, I see sin is the enemy to fight against at all cost.
 1. [We] find God sent the flood to destroy sin (Gen 6:1 – 8:22).
 2. [We] read of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah due to sin (Gen 19:10 – 26).
- B. As [we] look upon the cross, [we] see the answer to sin.
 1. As [we] do, let's realize it is the only answer [we] have (Jn 14:6; Ac 4:12).
 2. The death of Christ fulfilled the purpose of God, which was to save man (Lk 19:10).
- C. Throughout the history of man, sin has been the "disease" bringing man down.
 1. But in the cross, [we] have the healing power for this "disease".
- D. Looking at the cross and seeing what sin is, evil and Satan are to be shunned (1 Pet 5:8).

4. WHAT SALVATION IS (Heb 5:9)

- A. This, of course, was accomplished through the cross (1 Cor 15:3).
 1. With salvation, [we] see the ransom was paid in order to redeem man (1 Tim 2:6).
 - A. A ransom is the release payment paid for one in captivity.
 - B. The payment made was the Blood of Christ (1 Pet 1:18, 19).
 2. If it was **NOT** for the cross, [we] would **NOT** have salvation.

5. SUBMISSION TO THE WILL OF GOD

- A. Only a few hours prior to the crucifixion, Jesus Prayed (Mt 26:42; Heb 4:15; 5:7, 8).
 1. In the cross, Christ fully and completely submitted Himself to the Will/Plan of God.
 2. Had He decided **NOT** to go, there would have been **NO** way out for us.