

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

17 May 2020	Acts	8 - 14
18 May 2020	Acts	15 - 21
19 May 2020	Acts	21 - 28
20 May 2020	Rom	1 - 4
21 May 2020	Rom	5 - 8
22 May 2020	Rom	9 - 12
23 May 2020	Rom	13 - 16
24 May 2020	1 Cor	1 - 4

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

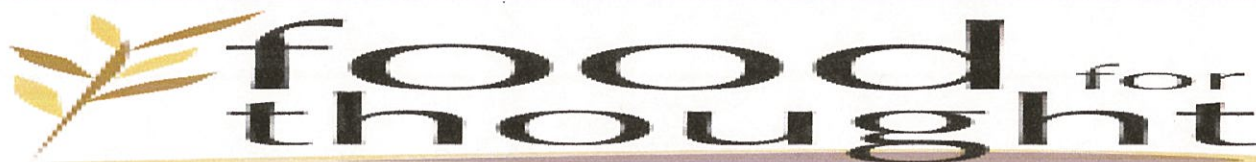
1. Hear (Rom 10:17; Jn 6:45)
2. Believe (Jn 8:24; Heb 11:6)
3. Repent (Lk 13:3,5; Ac 2:38)
4. Confess (Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9, 10)
5. Baptized (Mk 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21)

Be
JOYFUL
in hope
PATIENT
in affliction
FAITHFUL
in prayer
Romans 12:12



*What we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory
He will reveal to us later.*
Romans 8:18

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food for thought

PRAYERS TO GOD

The Bible says, “And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” (Jas 5:15, 16). We know He hears and answers the prayers of His children (Mt 7:7-11). Even when one is weak, weary and without hope, no longer knowing how or what to pray for, God still hears, helps and gives one the strength to bear up while bursting through their worst of conflicts as more than conquerors in Christ (Rom 8:24-39).

It probably goes without saying, many are praying daily for a very swift, specific and sudden conclusion to this COVID-19 chaos to get our lives back to some degree of normalcy (if you will). Perhaps, not visually seeing many positive results from those prayers, one may be tempted to think God is not listening (Mt 21:22) or our prayers as His blood-bought children are not reaching Him for some reason (Mt 17:20; 21:21; Mk 11:22, 23; Lk 17:6, 7; Rom 4:19, 20; 1 Cor 13:2; Jas 1:6).

If living in accordance with His Word having grown a bit weary and/or ready to give up praying because of a lack of visual, positive or tangible results, then understand this: if not witnessing positive results in response to your prayers, it does not mean God is not listening; His Purposes have not yet been accomplished (Mt 5:11, 12; Ac 20:24; Rom 8:18; 2 Cor 4:17, 18; Col 3:4; 2 The 1:6-12; 1 Pet 1:6, 7, 13).

Do you remember the souls of the saints, slain for their faithfulness, who cried out from under the altar, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth” (Rev 6:9, 10). God’s answer? It was going to be “a little while longer” because all He wanted was not yet “completed” (Rev 6:11). What about the Apostle Paul (2 Cor 12:7-10). He repeatedly prayed for his “thorn in the flesh” would be removed. God heard his prayer because of His response to it, but He did not remove Paul’s thorn because He had something far better in mind for him (Mt 10:19, 20; Lk 21:15; 1 Cor 10:13; 15:10; Col 1:28, 29; 1 Tim 1:14; Heb 4:16).

Then, there is Christ “...Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending...” (Rev 1:8) – the perfect, sinless, flawless Son of the living God. Praying both fervently and repeatedly “...O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt” (Mt 26:39) and “...O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done” (Mt 26:42) for God to utilize another way for Him other than the cross (Mt 26:36-44). Without a doubt, God heard His Prayers, “Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;” (Heb 5:7-9). No matter how difficult the ordeal to endure (Heb 12:1-3), possessing unlimited reasons why not giving His Son’s Heartfelt Prayers a simple “YES” (Jn 8:32; Rom 5:1-11; Gal 3:26, 27).

Are you not grateful our Father in heaven is wise and loving enough, to know when to say “No” or “You must wait just a little while longer” in order to accomplish His Purposes (Rom 8:28), whatever they may be? Then pray without ceasing (1 The 5:17) and just TRUST Him like Jesus did! To confirm how true He is, follow the model of Paul (Eph 3:4, 9, 10) and GROW in His Love (Isa 40:26-31; Col 1:10, 16, 17; 1 Pet 2:2; 2 Pet 3:18).





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), Shelia Harris, Sam Lily,
Joel Sotelo Vazquez [Mexico City, Mexico]

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

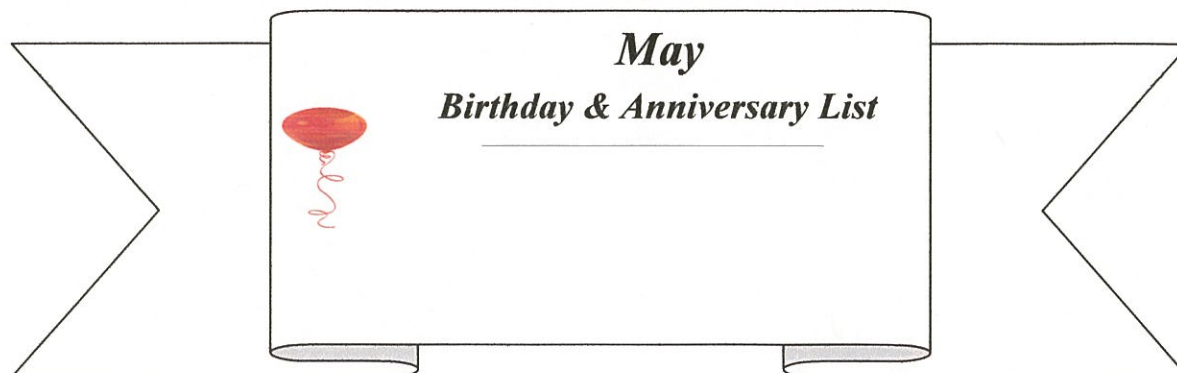
General: Demetria Washington, Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother), Kelvin & Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brothers),
Simon Young, Randy Murray, Darius Bell (Bro/Sis Bell's son), Sam Lily (Sis Guthrie's stepson)
Arthur Anderson, Felecia Langston, David Ramsey, Annett Rowlett, Mattie Stafford
Carolyn Andrews,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

UPDATES:

1. **Edward Tisby:** Sis Rowlett & Stafford brother passed away (Funeral 05/17/2020 @ 11:00 AM)
2. **Darius Bell:** Bro/Sis Bell's son had successful day surgery on his knee (05/11/2020)
3. **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 THE ATTITUDE OF A CHRISTIAN?

Scripture Reference: **2 CORINTHIANS 10:5**

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