

Whispering Hills

Church of Christ



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Gathering Times

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

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

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Welcome Christians!

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Weekly Bible Reading

02 August 2020	1 Sam	11 - 20
03 August 2020	1 Sam	21 - 31
04 August 2020	2 Sam	1 - 8
05 August 2020	2 Sam	9 - 16
06 August 2020	2 Sam	17 - 24
07 August 2020	1 Kgs	1 - 7
08 August 2020	1 Kgs	1 - 14
09 August 2020	1 Kgs	15 - 22

Bible Trivia

First Chronicles 9 describes many important tasks performed at God's temple by which family? 1 Chronicles 9:33

A. Levites
B. Asher
C. David
D. Elisha
E. Jerahmeel



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 ; Acts 2:38)
4. Confess (Mt 10: 32;Rom 10:9,10)
5. Baptized (Mk 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21)

Nothing
is too hard
for God!

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).

Thanks for visiting with us!

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

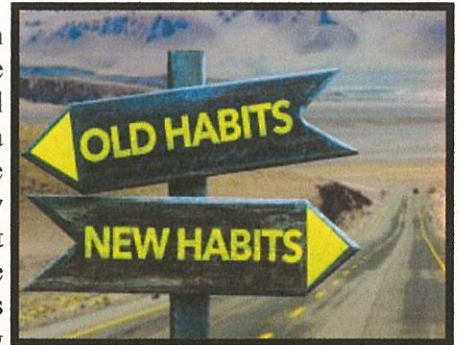


food for thought

CHANGE OLD HABITS

The Apostle Paul wrote, "Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death" (2 Cor 7:9, 10). He rejoiced with the church in Corinth knowing they took the letter in the proper Spirit of God. It was designed to produce godly sorrow of repentance on their part. He rejoiced as they repented and were back in the right relationship with God. If they had not, they would have been lost. Godly sorrow is to be for the violation of God's commands leading one to repentance. Worldly sorrow is being sorry one got caught. Repentance is a change of mind resulting in a change of action. If a one is doing wrong and repents, one will stop doing the wrong and start doing what is right. This is what the Corinthians did. Repentance is different from regret (2 Cor 7:8). Godly sorrow is when one is sorry to have violated God's Word (sinned) by demonstrating one's repentance. One has a change of mind by no longer violating God's Will and is willing to obey. Its results in a change of action. This is necessary for the forgiveness of sins (Ac 17:30; 26:20; Lk 13:3, 5). Repentance brings no regret because one has acted in accordance with God's Will and received forgiveness. This is necessary for all forgiveness. One must repent of one's sins before one is baptized (Ac 2:38) and becomes a Christian. A Christian who sins must repent of one's sins before one can be forgiven (Ac 8:22). The sorrow of the world is sorry one was caught (worldly sorrow). One may quit doing what one was doing because of the consequences; but, does not start doing right for the proper reason. This results in Spiritual Death (separation from God).

Paul urged the Christians in Philippi not to worry, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Php 4:6, 7). God promises a life of peace and Spiritual safety through Christ, but we must act on faith to receive life trusting in Him instead of our own rationalizations. Anxious (worrying/unduly concern). The cure is prayer (1 Peter 5:7). Supplication (asking for a specific/urgent need). The Christian's prayer should be offered with gratitude and must live a life of faithfulness, if one expects one's prayer(s) to be answered (Jn 9:31). God loves His Children and desires the best knowing what it is. His Answer will be according to what is Spiritually best. One must pray with humility. When rejoicing in the Lord, forbearing to those around him and daily praying to God, one will have the peace of God which comes obeying God motivated by love. The unspiritual man cannot comprehend what this peace is like any more than a blind man can comprehend a beautiful sunset. It passeth all understanding is the serenity of Spirit and contentment in a Christian's life resulting in happiness by worshipping God and keeping His commandments (Ecc 12:13; Mt 4:10).



When one has this peace, it will help to keep one's heart, as it ought to be. This is the determining part of man (Pro 4:23; Mt 12:35). The secret of learning to control one's thoughts comes when filled with joy, forbearance and prayer. Love casts out fear (1 Jn 4:18). When one loves and reverences God, one will not hide from Him in fear (Rom 8:14, 15; 2 Tim 1:7; Heb 5:7). Love implies attraction. Fear implies repulsion. When one loves, no fear. If one fears, love has not been made perfect resulting in punishment. One anticipates the day of the judgment as a day of punishment, which it will be. This may deter man from sin, but it cannot lead them to righteousness, which is motivated by God's Love.



NOTHING IS
TOO BIG OR SMALL
FOR GOD



PRAYER REQUEST

Continuous Prayers: Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Clouds, Ron Forge, Christina Jones, Miguel Graves, Joyce Fair Patricia Hurd, Ray & Ruby Busby (family of the Busby's), Sheila Harris, Sam Lily
Joyce Gutierrez, Dre Day (friend of Bro Owens' son), Adam McCants (father-in-law of Bro Ramsey's daughter)
Curtis Ward, Quinn Beacham (friend of Bro Ramsey), Vernon Skinner (son of Sis Skinner)
Joel Sotelo Vazquez / Bertha Tapia [Mexico City, Mexico]

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

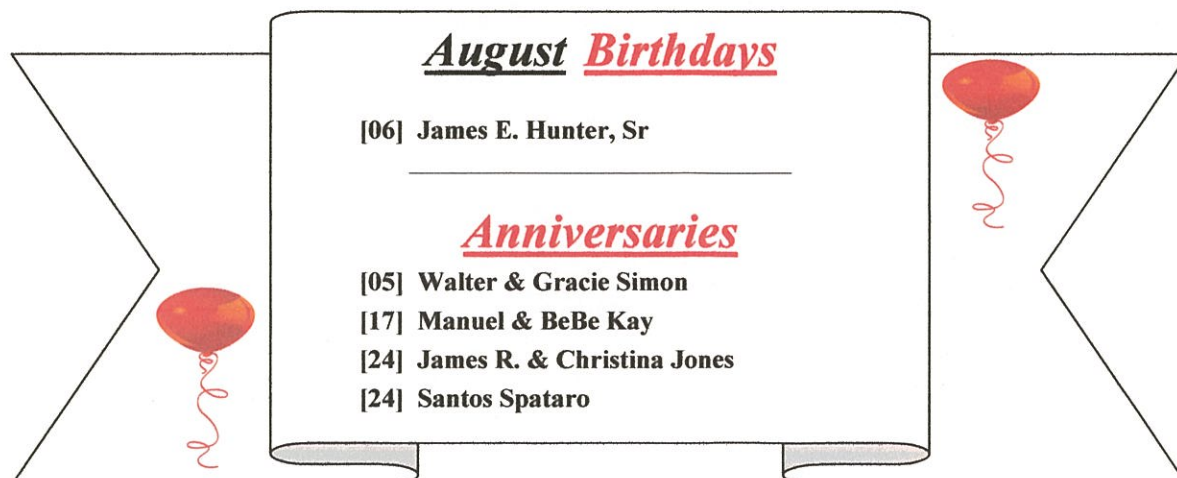
General: Demetria Washington, Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother), Kelvin & Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brothers), Simon Young, Randy Murray, Sam Lily (Sis Guthrie's stepson), James Hunter, Jr, Michael Neazer, M. Staton Chris White, Kaylan White, Carolyn Andrews, Pat Harper, Brenda Moore, Alicia Ivey, Yvette Thornhill
Patrick Roberson (Bro/Sis Owens' nephew), Angel & Alesia Adams, Edwards FAMILY

UPDATES:

1. **I.V. Jones** (Bro Jones' father) passed away (25 Jul 20); private graveside funeral D/FW Nat'l Cemetery (31 Jul 20)

Upcoming Activities/Announcements

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



August Birthdays

[06] James E. Hunter, Sr

Anniversaries

[05] Walter & Gracie Simon
[17] Manuel & BeBe Kay
[24] James R. & Christina Jones
[24] Santos Spataro



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: SAYING NO TO GOD

Scripture Reference: **1 Samuel 10:18, 19**

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SAYING NO TO GOD

1 Samuel 10:18, 19

INTRODUCTION:

1. Even after Israel had been delivered from Egypt and others oppressing them, they still remained ungrateful for the many things God had given them (1 Sam 10:18, 19).
 - A. They had the gall of "**Saying NO To God**" by rejecting Him as their King.
2. Let's consider what it means to acknowledge "**Saying No To God**".

BODY:

1. TO WHOM IS THIS BEING SAID?

- A. Our Creator (Gen 1:26; Ac 17:24).
- B. Our Sustainer (Psa 55:22).
- C. The One who loves you more than you can understand (Jn 3:16; 13:34, 35; 1 Jn 4:10).

2. WHY IS THIS BEING SAID?

- A. Some are "**Saying No To God**" out of ignorance (Psa 14:1; Rom 1:21).
 1. By **NOT** knowing Him nor His Will; they have rejected His Knowledge.
- B. Many times one will say "No" because saying "Yes" would demand too much.
 1. Oftentimes saying "**NO**" eliminates having to admit God is right.
 2. Then, [we] find others believing they are wiser than God.
 - A. Nevertheless, this has already been refuted as **NOT** being true (Isa 55:7, 8).
- C. Many are "**Saying No To God**" because of sin and Satan.
 1. Sin is a deadly condition (Jas 1:14, 15).
 2. Satan is a deadly foe (1 Pet 5:8).

3. WHO IS SAYING THIS?

- A. The nation of Israel was "**Saying No To God**" (1 Sam 10:18, 19).
 1. They wanted an earthly king, thus by "**Saying No To God**" as their King.
 2. Even though their previous experiences with kings led them into idolatry, captivity and bondage, they still wanted a king.
- B. Right this very hour, the USA. is "**Saying No To God**" (Pro 14:34).
- C. "Christians" are known to having reveal by their actions "**Saying No To God**".
 1. **NOT** denying what God would **NOT** want them to have (Lk 9:23; Rom 12:1, 2).
 2. They will **NOT** support the work of the local congregation.
 3. By **NOT** having a good relationship at home (1 Pet 3:1, 2, 7).
 4. **NOT** attending the worship and/or Bible Classes, studying the Bible or evangelizing.
- D. One would never "HEAR" the gospel and continue "**Saying No To God**" daily.
 1. By rejecting the pleas to obey the gospel [we] are "**Saying No To God**" (Heb 5:9).
 2. By "**Saying No To God**" means: **NO** to salvation, Spiritual Blessings and Heaven.
 3. Would you rather say **NO**: die in your sins or say **YES**: live eternally (Jn 8:24).

4. WHAT ARE THE RESULTS?

- A. Nations have turned into hell for "**Saying No To God**" (Psa 9:17).
- B. A Christian "**Saying No To God**" is worse off than before becoming one (2 Pet 2:20).
- C. By continuing "**Saying No To God**" up until one's life has ended will be facing a life of eternal condemnation (2 The 1:7 – 9).
- D. The end results of "**Saying No To God**" (Mt 25:46).