

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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 God's MESSAGE for you
negators 2020

your birthmonth

Jan - In your weakness	Jul - Through the highs and lows
Feb - In every moment	Aug - Beyond the pain
Mar - In the waiting	Sept - Despite the struggle
Apr - Even in sadness	Oct - In this season
May - As you face challenges	Nov - Every morning
Jun - In your stepping out	Dec - In the moments of loneliness

5th digit of your mobile number

1 - Have faith because	4 - Be hopeful because	7 - Trust God for
2 - Be confident that	5 - Be grateful because	8 - Rejoice because
3 - Continue believing for	6 - Be assured that	9 - Don't give up for
		0 - Stand secured knowing that

your middle initial

A - He will never leave you & forsake you	N - You have a great future ahead of you
B - God sees you and will reward you	O - He is a miracle working God
C - God will help you to thrive in life	P - His love for you is unconditional
D - The battle belongs to the Lord	Q - He who promised is faithful
E - He is always with you, no matter what	R - It will be all worth it
F - He heals your wound and take your pain	S - God is renewing your strength
G - The Lord's plan is to prosper you	T - The faithful God holds you in His hands
H - You can do all things in Christ	U - God's favor is upon you
I - He is working things for your good	V - He is your strong defender
J - The Lord is your ever present help	W - You are positioned for greatness
K - His love will sustain you	X - Your breakthrough is near
L - God's grace is enough for you	Y - God has paved the way for you
M - God is working in your behalf	Z - He will provide so stop worrying

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)



Weekly Bible Reading

August 16, 2020 2 Chronicles 1 - 9
August 17, 2020 2 Chronicles 10 - 18
August 18, 2020 2 Chronicles 19 - 29
August 19, 2020 2 Chronicles 30 - 36
August 20, 2020 Ezra 1 - 10
August 21, 2020 Nehemiah 1 - 7
August 22, 2020 Nehemiah 8 - 13

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 (Ac 2:38).

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

God Knows It All — The Good And Evil

Paul urged the church in Colossae to continue in prayer, be thankful as they prayed, pray doors may be opened for him to speak the gospel and speak as he ought to speak as well as to speak as Christians should speak and always be ready to give an answer for what they believed. “Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man” (Col 4:6). Christians should talk as Christians should and must not use any filthy language, but always speak the truth in love. Their speech must be kind and gracious to all people. If right talking becomes the pattern of the Christian's life, one will talk this way under trying circumstances. Christians should be ready to give an answer to everyone concerning the faith which is within (1 Pet 3:15). One is not brought to Christ by being insulted nor needlessly engaged in disagreements, but when engaged in a profitable discussion and gently taught the truth in love (Eph 4:15). Paul warned of the danger one cannot overcome danger just by being negative. The Christian must speak the truth in love having integrity. In order to teach the truth in love one must be loving. Everything conducted in this fashion must be motivated by love and purity of heart. When this takes place, one will grow to be what Christ wants and will honor Him, who is the head of the body, the church (Eph 1:22, 23; Col 1:18).

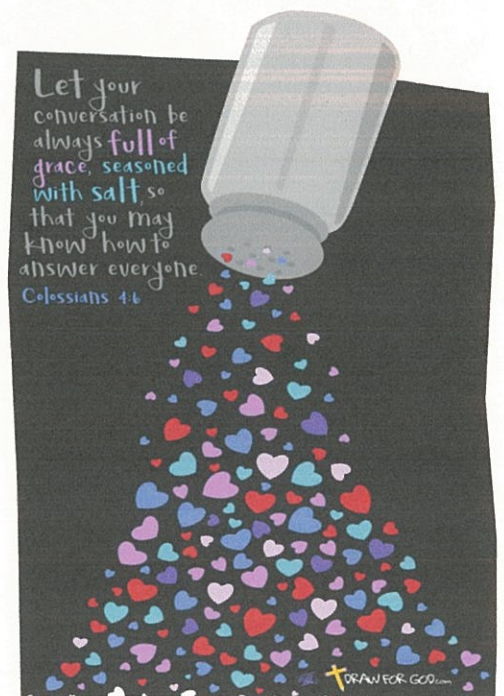
Solomon says, “For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil” (Ecc 12:14). Look carefully at what is said—every work and every secret thing when we stand before the great throne of judgment (Psa 96:13; Mt 12:36; 25:31-46; Jn 5:29; Rom 14:10-12; 1 Cor 4:5; Rev 20:11-15). Isn't it remarkable how the use of smart phones has changed news reporting? Think about the possibility of what could happen in many homes, when voices are raised during confrontation between husbands and wives with things said to easily be captured on cell phones? What if your spouse captured the words you said? What if outbursts of anger were no longer hidden? Had you known it was being recorded, would you have spoken what you said? How would others view you if they could view you at times like this? You walked away thinking it was over because it was not public nor recorded, but you were wrong. Heaven's “smart phone” captured it and every secret thing He will bring into judgment (Gal 6:7, 8; Eph 6:8; Col 3:24, 25). The same is true of all relationships. The conversation of parents and children could be captured. Would you (mother/father/son/daughter) be the same knowing it was being recorded? What about whispered spreading of gossip or destructive speech? That which is seemingly secret expressed in small part(s) of private messaging or conversation is being “recorded” - every secret thing (2 Cor 5:10).

One of the great teaching of God's Word is everyone must stand and be judged (Rom 2:6-11). God will judge through Christ (Jn 5:22, 27; Ac 10:42; 17:31; 24:25). Appear means everyone will have their life laid open before Christ for scrutiny. One will have to answer for not only what they do, but also why they did it and have become.

Now, the other aspect of Solomon's final words. The judgment shall teach not only punishment, but reward for the righteous. It is not just the “secret evil” which were done to be involved. Every “secret good”

done will be remembered on that day. There is no need to reveal what one is doing so others will think one is righteous (Ecc 11:9; Mt 6:1; Lk 6:35; 12:1, 2; 14:14; Rom 2:5-12; 1 Cor 3:8; Rev 2:23; 20:12, 13; 22:12).

God knows it all: the good and evil (Job 34:11; Isa 3:10, 11; Jer 17:10; 32:19; Eze 18:30; Mt 16:27; 1 Cor 3:8).





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
Curtis Ward, Vernon Skinner (Sis Skinner's son), Joyce Gutierrez,
Adam McCants (father-in-law of Bro Ramsey's daughter)
Joel Sotelo Vazquez / Bertha Tapia [Mexico City, Mexico]

Sick: Arthur Henry, Dan Allen, Jerry Birdow, Jose (Bro Spataro's 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, Carolyn Andrews, Pat Harper, Brenda Moore, Yvette Thornhill, Ashley Allen
Angel & Alesia Adams, Edwards FAMILY

UPDATES:

1. **Esther Freeman** (Bro Anderson's sister-in-law) is hospitalized (13 Aug)
2. **Joyce Fair** surgery was successful with her recovering at home (13 Aug)
3. **Quinn Beacham** (friend of Bro Ramsey) has passed away (14 Aug)

Upcoming Activities/Announcements

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





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: **IF MY PEOPLE**

Scripture Reference: **2 Chronicles 7:12-16**

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IF MY PEOPLE

2 Chronicles 7:12-16

INTRODUCTION:

1. Paul sought to stress the value of the Old Testament to the early Christians (Rom 15:4).
 - A. With this in mind, let the words of our text be of value to us, today (2 Chr 7:12-16).
2. In the general, God appeared to Solomon He had heard the prayer which had been offered.
 - A. In speaking to Solomon, God points out several things if incorporated into their lives, as the children of God, their sins would be forgiven and their land healed.
 - B. Important to see these teachings, if God is **NOT** also making similar requests, today.

BODY:

1. GOD'S CHILDREN MUST HUMBLE THEMSELVES

- A. He has never been, nor will He ever, be pleased if [we] do NOT possess this (Pro 16:18).
- B. Scriptures [New Testament] shows His displeasure [proud] and approval [humble].
 1. Greatness within the kingdom of God will only come through humility (Mt 18:4)
 2. Jesus shows the difference between humility and self-exaltation (Lk 18:9-14)
 3. If [we] desire the God's GRACE, [we] must humble ourselves to accept it (Jas 4:6).
 4. [We] see the way up (Jas 4:10) or the way to be exalted is down (Mt 23:12).
 - A. The road to genuine greatness is the road to surrender to the Lord and only the humble will find themselves willing and able to be obedient to His Demands.

3. GOD REQUIRES PRAYER ON THE PART OF HIS CHILDREN

- A. God said to His Children, if they wanted their sins forgiven they would **PRAY!**
- B. Be careful because the prayer mentioned in this arena is on the part of God's Children and can**NOT** be used to "prove" praying through for salvation.
 1. Today, [we] find the New Testament plainly deals with us in **PRAYER** (Mt 6:7).
 - A. Notice in the words of Jesus the fact concerning prayer.
 - B. Did **NOT** say, "If you pray, do not use vain repetitions" **BUT** "When you pray..."
 2. Contained within this command is the thought [we] **PRAY** continually (1 The 5:17).
 3. **PRAYER** must be an important part of His Children daily walk w/ God (1 Tim 2:8).

4. GOD'S CHILDREN MUST SEEK THE FACE OF GOD

- A. To seek the "*face of the Lord*" was to seek out His Will and obey (Heb 12:13; 1 Pet 2:15).
 1. Found in God's Word are clear indications of this (2 Chr 14:4; Psa 105:4; Ac 17:27).
- B. As Christians [we] desperately need to be "*seeking the face of the Lord*".
 1. [We] must ascertain the Lord's Will and obey (Mt 7:21; Lk 11:28; 1 Jn 3:21-24).

5. GOD'S CHILDREN MUST TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS

- A. Several things to appropriately evaluate:
 1. It was/is possible for God's Children to be found involved in wickedness.
 2. It wasn't/is **NOT** pleasing to God for His Children to be involved in wickedness.
 3. God issued/issues a command to turn from wickedness in order to be saved.
 - A. This clearly indicates repentance demanding a change/turning from wickedness.
 - B. True, Biblical repentance will bring about conversion (Ac 2:38-40; 3:19).
- B. [We] have to understand in order to truly repent, become converted, be forgiven of our sins, [we] must turn from them (Rom 13:12; Eph 4:22-25; Col 3:5-8; Heb 12:1; Jas 1:2).
 1. Failing to do so, will bring about eternal destruction (Mt 12:45; 23:35-38; Lk 13:3, 5).