

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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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)

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NOT FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER, AS IS THE MANNER OF SOME, BUT EXHORTING ONE ANOTHER.

HEBREWS 10:25



Weekly Bible Reading

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| September 06, 2020 | Psalm | 51 - 60 |
| September 07, 2020 | Psalm | 61 - 70 |
| September 08, 2020 | Psalm | 71 - 80 |
| September 09, 2020 | Psalm | 81 - 90 |
| September 10, 2020 | Psalm | 91 - 100 |
| September 11, 2020 | Psalm | 101 - 110 |
| September 12, 2020 | Psalm | 111 - 120 |
| September 13, 2020 | Psalm | 121 - 130 |

September 06, 2020 Psalm 51 - 60

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).



Members In Isolation

The church is one body of believers united, faithful together in the Apostles' doctrine, Fellowship, breaking of bread and prayers (Ac 2:42). The new converts were new Christians as well as the church. Many truths had not been fully revealed, but they were eager to learn by accepting the apostles' teaching as authority. This is not a new thing today because Christians must be steadfast in studying God's Word (2 Tim 2:15). Fellowship is the joint participation in the Spiritual privileges enjoyed. It includes: the joint study, the joint worship, the joint activity and the joint membership in the body of Christ (Jn 8:31, 32; 1 Cor 11:2; 2 Pet 3:1, 2; 3:17, 18). In the breaking of bread refers to the Lord's Supper. This describes the Spiritual activity of the church. They partook of it, faithfully, every first day of the week (Ac 20:7). Prayers were a part of their lives as individuals and as a group meeting together, daily. Christians were learning, growing and worshipping God (Lk 6:46; Jn 14:6, 15). It is a simple, well-known, time-worn illustration as the clear, Biblical Truth brings it to our minds is just as strong, relevant and unflinching as ever. It is a truth made even more scary in light of the current pandemic. Imagine, sitting around a campfire: someone takes a stick to separate one of the red-hot, glowing embers from the group of similarly, on-fire embers surrounding it. Subsequently, moving it to the sand all by itself. What is likely to happen? Watch the lone ember quickly lose its fire (goes out), becoming nothing more than another burnt-out element of the deepening darkness all around it. Only if it is relocated back into the presence of its on-fire and light-giving counterparts (before it totally goes out), then it is able to regain any semblance of its former fire and light-giving glow. Interestingly, just add to the word "*embers*" an "*m*" to get "*members*".

The same is true for *separated* Christians. This is why personal, face-to-face, Spiritually, intimate fellowship with one another is, and always has been, one of the four, foundational, and all-consuming pillars of the Lord's church (Ac 2:42). Such fellowship is vital to and for everyone from the very moment one repents, is baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins and added to the Lord's church (Ac 2:38-47). Paul additionally and repeatedly emphasized Biblical Truth with the illustration of how the members of the body of Christ need to be constantly: pulling, working, worshipping and fellowshiping together, the same as all of the individual parts and members of a human body must do for the ongoing benefit of not only the entire body, but for the benefit of every one of its individual parts or members (Rom 12:4, 5; 1 Cor 12:12-27; Eph 4:11-16, 25). We need to be made so intrinsically aware of the eternally-life threatening danger we are under at this very moment!! Please understand; I am in no way whatsoever (not for one micro-millisecond) suggesting, in any way, shape or form, those with legitimate and life-threatening health issues and concerns to keep them house-bound and prevent from venturing out into other places of public exposure (i.e. work, school, shopping, recreation etc.). This article is to sound the warning loud and clear seeking to make every member of the body of Christ fully and truly aware of the extremely vulnerable and terribly dangerous position our eternal souls have all been plunged into by our current isolation/separation (Eze 3:17-21, 33:1-6; 2 Cor 5:11, 20; Col 1:28; 1 The 5:14). Think about your personal, Christian growth and service since mid-March. Have you grown stronger/weaker from our congregation? Have you opened your Bible, studied and learned more/less, since our Bible classes and Worship services were modified approximately five months ago? Are you willing to reached out and share the gospel with others since this current pandemic-induced modified, separation began? Doing even less than before, without the constant personal encouragement and admonition to do so (Rom 12:1, 2; 18:5, 6; Eph 4:1)? Satan, like a roaring lion licking his chops, is more than likely "drooling" to have a field day picking us off to devour (1 Pet 5:8); knowing one's vulnerability has likely never been higher (Eph 4:27; 6:11) and fewer than ever those to cover one's back. His eternal-soul-consuming mission remains the same (Jn 8:44; Rev 12:9). We must make it our total life and death mission (absolute top priority) to determine to fight for our eternal lives like never before; to not only maintain, but to heartily grow, strengthen and to fight to the death to defend our personal relationship with Jesus, as well as our love and fellowship for and with one another, on a daily basis.



PRAYER REQUEST

Continuous Prayers: Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Clouds, Ron Forge, Christina Jones, Miguel Graves, Joyce Fair
 Patricia Hurd, Ray & Ruby Busby (Bro/Sis Busby's FAMILY), Sheila Harris, Sam Lily, Curtis Ward
 Vernon Skinner (Sis Skinner's son), Joyce Gutierrez, Mattie Stafford, Annette Rolette
 Adam McCants (Bro Ramsey's daughter father-in-law)
 Joel Sotelo Vazquez / Bertha Tapia [Mexico City, Mexico]
 Willie Gray (Sis Gray's brother-in-law)

Sick: Arthur Henry, Dan Allen, Jerry Birdow, Jose (Bro Spataro's friend), Spataro's FAMILY, Ms Teresa [visitor]

General: Demetria Washington, Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother), Kelvin & Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brothers),
 Simon Young, Sam Lily (Sis Guthrie's stepson), James Hunter, Jr, Michael Neazer, M. Staton
 Chris White, Pat Harper, Brenda Moore, Yvette Thornhill, Anderson's FAMILY, Bro Runnel's FAMILY [visitor]
 Angel & Alesia Adams, Edwards' FAMILY

UPDATES:

1. **Bro Simon** admitted to UTSW [03 Sep 20].
2. **Sis Harper** will **NOT** require surgery [04 Sep 20].

Upcoming Activities/Announcements

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



September Birthdays

[19] Pat Harper
 [20] Marqueon Skinner
 [21] Steve Owens, Sr
 [23] Mary Erwin
 [24] Riquel Brager
 [28] Gracy Simon

Anniversaries
 No September Anniversaries

ARE [WE] FOOLS?
Psalms 14:1, 2

INTRODUCTION:

1. As [we] study the scriptures, [we] so often see texts referring to man as a FOOL.
 - A. In the KJV, FOOL is found 69 times and FOOLS are found 42 times.
2. Let's study a few of these passages to see if "[We] Are FOOLS" in light of the Bible.
 - A. With a positive mind, [we] might correct any error in our pathway and **NOT** be FOOLS.

BODY:

1. **IF [WE] ARE ATHEISTS, THEN FOOLS (PSA 14:1; 53:1)**
 - A. Granted, this is rather harsh, **BUT** so are the Scriptures when it came to these matters.
 - B. As [we] discuss this passage the word FOOL is often used to denote a wicked man.
 - C. [We] can easily see the uses of it in this passage carrying the idea of the great folly, if one is living in wickedness, **BUT** later must confess Him (Rom 14:11).
2. **IF [WE] ARE PROUD, THEN FOOLS (Pro 16:5; Jas 4:6)**
 - A. Strong language is used, **BUT** still TRUE according to the Scriptures (Rom 1:22).
 - B. Paul wrote simply setting forth they thought they were wise enough to live without God.
 1. In this, [we] realize they had become FOOLISH in their opinions and conduct.
 2. It applies due to their misunderstanding or moral sense necessary to please God.
 - C. A FOOL cannot be told anything because one "is right in his own eyes" (Pro 12:15).
 1. Thus, if [we] are egotistical/proud, in light of God's Word, then [we] are FOOLS.
3. **IF [WE] ARE DISOBEDIENT TO GOD, THEN FOOLS (MT 7:24 – 27)**
 - A. It is evident one who fails to comply with the commands of Jesus is a FOOLISH person.
 - B. The comparison is made: one who hears and obeys verses one who hears and does **NOT**.
 1. The first is likened to a wise man, **BUT** the second is considered FOOLISH.
 2. It is self-deception to be a hearer of God's Word and **NOT** be obedient (Jas 1:22).
 - A. Only hearing are **NOT** without promise for the future, **BUT** literally delusional.
 - C. To derive sufficient benefit from listening is simply cheating oneself (2 The 2:10-12).
4. **IF [WE] WALK "UNCIRCUMSPECTLY," THEN FOOLS (EPH 5:15)**
 - A. To walk circumspectly is to walk carefully/watchfully as in a cemetery after dark.
 - B. Thus, to walk "uncircumspectly" is to walk carelessly and **NOT** be vigilant (1 Pet 5:8).
 1. Failing to walk in the light, then [we] are walking FOOLISHLY / "uncircumspectly".
 - C. Regarding teachings on faithfulness, it is FOOLISH to **NOT** walk carefully (1 Jn 1:7).
 1. By this passage, see how FOOLISH it is to **NOT** walk circumspectly or in the light?
 - D. Paul compares the WISE and the FOOLISH (Eph 5:15).
5. **IF [WE] MOCK SIN, THEN FOOLS (PRO 14:9)**
 - A. Again, [we] see the wicked man is called a FOOL committing sin lightly and cheerfully.
 2. They pass over rebuke with a joke by possessing ungodly lusts (Jud 1:18).
 - C. These FOOLS encourage others in sin by their easy way of viewing it.
 - D. Also, in light of this passage, one can turn it around and see sin mocks FOOLS.
 1. The enjoyment is expected, **BUT** deceives and disappoints (misleads and frustrates).
 2. If [we] are mocking sin today, [we] are FOOLISH people!!
6. **IF [WE] ARE UNPREPARED TO MEET THE LORD, THEN FOOLS (Mt 25:1 – 13).**
 - A. Allow me to share with you now, if you are **NOT** ready for the judgment, then now is the TIME to set everything in its proper order because tomorrow is NOT promised.