

WHISPERING HILLS

Church of Christ

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Worship Times

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

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

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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 because it is purchased with His Blood (Ac 20:28; 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)



- 1** ...he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love... Zephaniah 3:17
- 2** I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14
- 3** She is worth far more than rubies. Proverbs 31:10
- 4** So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Matthew 10:31
- 5** By day the Lord directs his love, and night his song is with me. Psalm 42:8
- 6** His love endures forever... Psalm 136:1
- 7** ...clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ... Romans 13:14
- 8** ...my unfailing love for you will not be shaken... Psalm 54:10
- 9** Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience... Colossians 3:12
- 10** ...I have loved you with an everlasting love... Jeremiah 31:3
- 11** She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. Proverbs 31:25
- 12** Clothe yourself with strength! Put on your garments of splendor... Isaiah 52:1

Thank you for visiting with us

Our goal is to worship God according to His Will just as the Christians in the first century did (Ac 2:42). Please ask us a question about the reason why we worship the way we do (1 Pet 3:15). Also, please take the time to fill out an attendance card today (in the holder facing you) and give it to one of our members acknowledging your presence with us.



Prayer Request

We are here to Pray for you



Continued Prayers

Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Cloud, Ron Forge,
Mattie Stafford, Annette Rowlette, Jewel Hunter,
Joyce Gutierrez, Joyce Fair ,
Helena Sotelo & Arthur Antucio (in-laws Bro Ramsey)
Lovita Irby (Sis Guthrie's sister)

Grieving

Bro. Ramsey (loss of daughter's father-in-law)

General

Demetria Washington, Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother),
Eldred Adams (COVID 19 virus), Sheila Harris,
Curtis Ward, Simon Young, Michael Neazer,
Kelvin & Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brothers)
Sis White & FAMILY,
Charles Votaw (Sis Harper's brother),
Sis Miller & FAMILY

Updates /Announcements

- [1] Regenia Andrews (Bro Jones' sister) is recuperating from quarantining of COVID-19 with positive conclusions (18 Jan)
- [2] Joel Sotelo (Bro Ramsey's brother-in-law) going through chemotherapy for throat cancer (19 Jan)
- [3] Bro Forge is undergoing chemo sessions (weekly) sharing affection of LOVE and PRAYERS (20 Jan)
- [4] Lovita Irby (Sis Guthrie's sister) is in ICU (Waxahachie) for multiple conditions (22 Jan)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January '21



[24] Carolyn Cloud





His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Jesus sent out His twelve apostles and “...gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease” (Mt 10:1). This commission was limited in usage because they were not allowed to “go into the way of the Gentiles or enter a city of the Samaritans” (Mt 10:5). Instead, they were sent “to the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Mt 10:6). Our Lord warned persecution would accompany their preaching (Mt 10:16-22). As an encouragement in the midst of this persecution, Jesus told the disciples of His Father’s care: “And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows” (Mt 10:27-31). “Sparrow” is the name given to several different species of birds in the Bible—they ate grain and insects, gathered in noisy flocks and would often build their untidy nests in the eaves of houses; but were not driven away when they built their nests in the Temple (Psa 84:3). These insignificant little birds were such social creatures that a lone sparrow was the symbol of deep loneliness (Psa. 102:7).

In the days of our Lord, sparrows were sold for a very low price—two of them for a copper coin (Mt 10:29). A copper coin (*asarion*) was a very small Roman coin worth about 1/16 of a silver denarius (thus worth less than a quarter in U.S. currency today). Those who were poor and unable to afford to provide sacrifice of a sheep or a goat would bring a sparrow to the Temple (Lev 14:1-7).

These little birds were so insignificant, if one bought four sparrows the seller would throw in one more for free (Lk 12:4-7). It was this extra sparrow of which Jesus said, “...and not one of them is forgotten before God”. His Care for His Creation is so great even this extra sparrow is noted and observed by God! The point worthy of making is this: if God is concerned about the tiny sparrow and notes its fate, how much greater must His concern be for man, who is immeasurably greater in value than the sparrow!

God’s Eye Is On Things We Deem Insignificant

Sometimes it seems God is the only one who cares for sparrows. Cats and birds of prey like to hunt and eat them and little boys have been known to torment them. Adults complain about how they multiply and consider them pests. Yet, Jesus said, “not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will” (Mt 10:29). It is interesting who Jesus chose the most common of all birds to teach a profound truth: in God’s eyes, no one is insignificant! Did [we] hear (understand) this significance?

God not only provides food for “the birds of the air” but “clothes the grass of the field” (Mt 6:25-34). These (“lilies of the field”) were the scarlet poppies—they bloomed for only one day on the hillsides of Israel and yet in their brief life, they were clothed with a beauty which surpassed “Solomon in all his glory” and when they died they were “thrown into the oven”. Surely, the generosity, which is lavished upon a flower for one day, will not be forgetful of man, the crown of His Creation. How GOOD is our God!!

David was impressed by God’s Care for us: “O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, *and whatsoever* passeth through the paths of the seas. O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth ” (Psa 8:3-9)!!

