

# 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)

**SCIENCE SAYS THAT WE NEED AT LEAST 4 BASIC ELEMENTS TO SURVIVE.**

1. Water
2. Air
3. Food
4. Light

**AND LOOK WHAT THE BIBLE TELLS US ABOUT JESUS.**

1. I am the Living Water
2. I am the Breath of Life
3. I am the Bread of Life
4. I am the Light of the World

**SCIENCE WAS RIGHT, WE NEED JESUS TO LIVE.**

### 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.

*You* **BELONG** *Here!*

**Acts 2:42-47 and Romans 12:10**

# Prayer Request

We are here to Pray for you



## Continued Prayers

Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Cloud, Ron Forge,  
Jewel Hunter, Joyce Gutierrez, Joyce Fair,  
Curtis Ward, Sheila Harris, Simon Young,  
Michael Neazer, Mary Ervin

## Grieving

## General

Demetria Washington, Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother),  
Kelvin & Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brothers)  
Helena Sotelo & Arthur Antucio (Bro Ramsey in-laws)  
Charles Votaw (Sis Harper's brother)  
Joel Sotelo (Bro Ramsey's brother-in-law)  
Wanda Burden (*former member*)  
Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsey's daughter)

## Updates /Announcements

- [1] Our PRAYERS should echo loud and clear on a daily basis for God's GRACE, MERCY and LOVE by taking nothing for granted as [we] continue to live up to His Expectations and Commands through obedience (Mt 7:21-23).
- [2] The building where Whispering Hills Church worships will be undergoing a major construction over the next few months and will NOT be available for our usual gatherings. Please PRAY for this endeavor and be ready for the updated information.
- [3] A location will be selected soon and we are looking forward to worshipping on 07 Mar 21. The time will be forthcoming.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## March '21

Chris Hunter, Jr  
Diane Boyd  
Joe Erwin  
Amanda Hunter  
Patricia Hunter  
Brittany Simpson  
Arthur Anderson  
Walter Simon





## DO NOT MAKE A HASTY JUDGMENT

### MATTHEW 7:1 - 5

“Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again” (Mt 7:1, 2). **Judge** means to condemn with hard, censorious judgment when all the facts are not known as well as the motive. It is the bitter, fault finding Spirit Jesus is forbidding. This Spirit is looking for the worst in people, so they can find fault and complain. **Judge** does not mean “to form an opinion”. This occurs instantly because one must form an opinion of what one sees and hears. However, one must not impute wrong motives or put the worst construction on a situation one knows very little [if anything] about. Judging is a word forbidden from surmise and ill will. God’s Judgment is and will always be just. One is known to judge another by the way one has been judged, but be mindful of how this can cause an affect on future arrangements. If one is to judge without mercy, one will be judged without mercy. If one is to judge and treated kindly, one will be judged and treated kindly. **Beholdest** is to observe with scrutiny. **Mote** is a little speck, chaff or splinter. Jesus asks, why criticize the little splinter in another’s eye when you have a big log in yours? People tend to minimize their sins and magnify the sins of others. Men are often blind to their own shortcomings while being intolerant of others. If one has a log in their eye, how can one have the gall to try to pick the little tiny speck out of their brother’s? One can only help their brother with their faults in the Spirit of love and humility. This is the only time Jesus calls His Disciples, hypocrites. He usually uses this term in referring to the Pharisees and scribes. Some were hypocrites because they were pretending to be better than they were. Ignoring their faults while trying to correct a lesser one. In order to help others, they must recognize their own sins and repent of them. They must approach their brother as they would like to be approached and not rebuke sin in their brother while committing the same sin.

Oftentimes, we are quick to judge others. Jesus warns us in the Sermon on the Mount not to judge others. One would be judged by the same standard one judged others. It was hypocrisy to tell one of a speck in their eye when the one doing the judging had a big log. “Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again” (Mt 7:1, 2).

Yet, so many people misinterpret and misquote these verses. As the passage reveals and the context declares, Jesus is not condemning the act of judging in and of itself, but of hypercritical judging. To state the case in point, Jesus said, “Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you” (Mt 7:6). **Dogs and swine** were unclean animals in the Bible. Dogs were not pets as they are today: savage, ugly and considered unclean and filthy (Lev 11:7; Deu 14:8; Pro 26:11; 2 Pet 2:22; Rev 22:15). The meat sacrificed to God on the altar was holy. To be used by the priest for their food. If not used in the sacrifice, it was to be burned. Not to be given to animals. Swine could not appreciate beautiful, expensive pearls. If given pearls, they would trample once they found out they were not good to eat. They would turn on the one who gave them pearls instead of food. Dogs and swine do not appreciate the holy and valuable things. It is inappropriate to give these things to them.

Some who do not appreciate the gospel; not only ignore it, but seek to hinder or harm the one delivering it. To be preached to all; but not to be forced upon anyone who does not want or fights against it. When preaching the gospel to another, if treated contemptibly, one is not to keep preaching to them. Preach to others. Jesus practiced this. He was patient with Thomas and Peter (Jn 20:24-29; 21:24-29). Herod Antipas had been often warned (Mk 6:20), Jesus did not speak (Lk 23:9). He instructed His Disciples not to remain in those places which reject their preaching (Mt 10:14, 15, 23). Paul practiced this. When going into a city, he preached first to the Jews; if they rejected, he returned to the Gentiles (Ac 13:45, 46; 18:5, 6; Rom 16:17, 18; Tit 3:10).

Decrease being hasty with our judgment, wait for all of the facts. Only then can we make the proper judgment.

