

# WHISPERING HILLS

## Church of Christ

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### Worship Times

Sunday Worship 10:30AM

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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 (Jn 6:45; Rom 10:17)
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)

## 5 Bible Memory Verses About Joy

### **Philippians 4:4 (ESV)**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

### **Galatians 5:22-23a (ESV)**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

### **Romans 15:13 (NIV)**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **James 1:2-3 (NIV)**

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

### **Proverbs 17:22 (ESV)**

A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

### 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 Fair, Curtis Ward,  
Sheila Harris, Simon Young, Michael Neazer,  
Mary Ervin, Billie Guthrie,  
Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsey's daughter)

## Grieving

Sis Gutierrez - Jennifer Jackson (sister-in-law)  
Bro Birdow - Brian Cadenhead (brother-in-law)  
Bro/Sis Owens - Kelvin Porter (brother)

## General

Demetria Washington,  
Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother),  
Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brother),  
Charles Votaw (Sis Harper's brother),  
Joel Sotelo (Bro Ramsey's brother-in-law),  
Sheree Miller

## 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] Ladies Bible Class at the building (10 Jul @ 1:00 PM)
- [3] **Independence Day** (04 Jul, Monday)

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## June '21

[30] Chris Hunter

## July '21

[01] Manuel Kay





**FOOD FOR  
THOUGHT**

**SATAN MUST NOT ROB US OF OUR JOY!!**  
**PSALMS 100:1 - 5**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. This Psalm is of praise and thanksgiving being preeminent, rising to a crescendo of joy and grandeur.
  - A. It is a universal call for all men to give thanksgiving to the Lord Jehovah.
2. This is the only Psalm to bear this precise inscription: "A Psalm of Praise".
3. These are strange words when one considers all the trials David faced.
  - A. They began at the slaying of Goliath, continued for years as a fugitive from the jealous wrath of King Saul, then the rebellion lead by his son after he became king. Yet, David did.
  - B. Look at the thoughts which follow the opening words of this Psalm.
4. As this come to mind, make application of how to find **JOY** in the midst of ALL adversities.

**BODY:**

**1. JOY COMES FROM SERVING HIM WITH GLADNESS.**

- A. "...all ye land" is the same is as "all the earth" (Psa 98:4).
- B. A universal call to praise and give thanksgiving to the King of Kings (1 Tim 6:15; Rev 17:14; 19:16).
- C. Service to God done out of obedience, a sense of debt and gratitude (Eph 2:8-10; Col 3:17, 23, 24).
- D. Singing requires lips of thanksgiving and triumph (Psa 63:5; Job 3:7; 20:5).

**2. JOY COMES FROM EXALTING HIM AS GOD.**

- A. Jehovah alone is God and worthy of our praise (Eph 4:1; Col 1:10; 1 The 2:12; 2 The 1:5; Heb 11:6).
- B. While we may have become disheartened over the months because we have had little control in most aspects of our lives, one eternal truth has **NOT** changed. Our Father is greater than any trial we face.
- C. David proclaimed, "...I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts... This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand... For the battle is the Lord's and He will give you into our hands" (1 Sam 17:45-47).
  1. David destroyed the giant but **NOT** from his own skills as a warrior.
    - A. Those who were warriors in that day covered in fear of the battle.
    - B. David knew the Creator was the One fighting his enemy; results: joyful praise/thanksgiving.
- D. Knowing He is in charge always result in victory and us coming into His Presence with joyful singing.

**3. JOY COMES FROM REALIZING HE MADE US.**

- A. What a blessed picture of the tenderness with which we are related to Him (Psa 74:1; 79:13; 95:7).
- B. How beautiful our relationship is depicted to the Good Shepherd (Jn 10:1-11).
- C. If we think our happiness/fulfillment come from our dealing with adversity, we are doomed to failure.
- D. He is the Creator and we are the created ones.
  1. We are **NOT** in charge and looking inward will never bring happiness and fulfillment.

**4. JOY COMES FROM COMING BEFORE HIM WITH PRAISE.**

- A. The mention of gates and courts is indicative of temple worship; metaphorically, this reference directly give credence to the everlasting presence of the LORD. It is a call to worship, praise and thanksgiving.
- B. Joyful shouts? Serving with gladness? Singing in His Presence?
  1. How can one possibly find joy and gladness in the midst of all of this adversity?
- C. COVID-19 has robbed us of assembling and coming into His Presence while finding the joy which comes from singing and praising His Name as we once did. *Satan must **NOT** rob us of our JOY!!*

**5. JOY COMES FROM HIS MERCY AND TRUTH FOR ALL GENERATIONS**

- A. The Psalmist 3-fold rationale for making a joyful noise unto the LORD:
  1. The Lord is good (Psa 106:1; 118:1; 125:3; 136:1; 145:9; 1 Chr 16:5:13; 7:3; Ez 3:11).
  2. God is everlastingly merciful (Psa 118:1-4, 29; 136:1-26).
  3. Jehovah is **NOT** fickle: promising, then **NOT** performing [keeping His Word] (Tit 1:2).
    1. He is faithful generation after generation. He is God; He does **NOT** change (Lk 16:8; Heb 13:8).

