

# WHISPERING HILLS

## Church of Christ

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### Gathering Times

Bible Class 09:30 AM  
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)

## Jesus' List OF CORE VALUES

Do the right things for the right reasons.  
Matthew 6:1-4, 5-8

Pray God's agenda, not yours.  
Matthew 6:9-13

Forgive others.  
Matthew 6:14-15

Prioritize eternal things, not temporal ones.  
Matthew 6:19-24

Do not worry.  
Matthew 6:25-31

Seek the kingdom first  
Matthew 6:33-34

Do not judge others.  
Matthew 7:1-5

If you want something, keep asking.  
Matthew 7:7-11

Stay true to your convictions.  
Matthew 7:13-20

Obey God.  
Matthew 7:21-27

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

## Grieving

## General

Demetria Washington,  
 Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother),  
 Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brother)

## 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] **BIBLE STUDY** (Sunday, 25 Jul 21 @ 09:30 AM): Book of Ephesians



## July '21

All  
**Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
 have been  
 acknowledged  
 for this month.







**FOOD FOR  
THOUGHT**

**“I CAN DO IT MYSELF”  
ACTS 26:2**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Paul commenced by saying how privileged he was to speak for himself to King Agrippa.
2. He was ecstatic given this opportunity of preaching to this king, the gospel of Christ.
  - A. He was thrilled to make a defense [exculpate] or speak for himself of the gospel to save MAN’S soul.
3. Remember his words, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Php 4:13).
  - A. His contentment was Christ gave him the strength to do all that was needed in every situation.
    1. As Christians, we should be like Paul (1 Cor 11:1).
  - B. When tough times arrive, we must be positive and content knowing Jesus will be with us.
    1. He will never forsake us, as long as we believe, TRUST and obey Him (Deu 4:31; 31:6; Jos 1:5).
4. Independence is the result of accepting help along the way.
  - A. One of the great BLESSINGS of Christianity is having Christ as our high priest in heaven.
    1. He is able to understand our problems because He lived in the flesh and knows our infirmities.
      - A. Infirmities includes all of the frailty characteristic of human beings: pain, suffering and stress.
        1. Such help comes in the form of training, examples and encouragement (Heb 4:16).
5. Though often resistant to it and sometimes rebellious against it, help is our universal need.
  - A. In this, there is both a physical and a spiritual component.

**BODY:**

**1. PHYSICAL COMPONENT**

- A. Where would we be without someone to teach us—to show us the way?
  1. Parents are teachers, training up children in the way they should go (Pro 22:6).
  2. Most parents remember when the streak of independence rose to the surface in their child and were strictly informed their presence were no longer needed for [any] help.
  3. Proudly, but wistfully, parents take in these precious expressions of independence knowing these provide marking posts along their child’s path to maturity.
  4. In everything from learning to walk to accomplishing amazing bathroom successes (in all forms), children experience the rewards of independence.

**2. SPIRITUAL COMPONENT**

- A. However, In Christ, our independence is the result of His Great Sacrifice.
- B. Paul simply says, “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free...” (Gal 5:1).
  1. Such independence is the result of accepting help.
- C. In spite of what the Humanist Manifesto says about the matter, we cannot save ourselves.
- D. Jesus spoke to certain Jews who believed in Him and, after admonishment, continued (Jn 8:32; 17:17).
- E. Our basic need for enlightenment is evident.
  1. As Jeremiah so plainly stated in his prayer to the Father, “a man’s way is not in himself, nor is it in a man who walks to direct his own steps” (Jer. 10:23).
  2. We need Spiritual Guidance. Worldly wisdom cannot lead us to God (1 Cor 1:21).
  3. But, Jesus says, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me” (Jn 14:6). Salvation comes as a result of humbly receiving the Word of Truth (Jas 1:21).
- F. We are dependent on God for life, breath and all things (Ac 17:25) and “...life and godliness” (2 Pet 1:3).
- G. Though often couched in the language of freedom, the spiritual counsel of the world leads only to increasing bondage (2 Pet 2:18, 19).
- H. Spiritual Freedom is the result obeying the gospel from the heart and becoming a slave of righteousness (Rom 6:17, 18; Eph 4:27; Col 2:14).
  1. Knowing the Freedom and Assurance we experience in Christ rests solidly upon us leaning on Him as our helper (Gal 1:10; Heb 13:6).

