

Whispering Hills Church Of Christ

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SUNDAY Gathering Times

Bible Class **09:30 AM**
Morning **10:30 AM**

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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 was
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)

Joy!

Splendor and majesty are before
him; strength and **joy** are in his
dwelling place. 1 Chronicles 16:27

This day is holy to our Lord. Do not
grieve, for the **joy** of the Lord is your
strength." Nehemiah 8:10

The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving **joy** to the heart. The commands
of the Lord are radiant, giving light to
the eyes. Psalm 19:8

Restore to me the **joy** of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
Psalm 51:12

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.
Romans 15:13

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Thank you for visiting with us

Our goal is to **WORSHIP** God according to His Will just as
the Christians in the 1st Century (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,
 Joyce Fair, Curtis Ward, Mary Ervin, Billie Guthrie,
 Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsay's daughter)
 Joseph Tensley (Gospel Preacher [Teague, TX])

Grieving

Family of:
 Denise Anderson Payne (Bro Anderson's cousin)
 Denise Whitaker (Sis Anderson's cousin)

General

Sheila Harris, Bebe Kaye,
 Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother) is hospitalized
 Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brother)
 Nadia Crooks (Bro/Sis Owens' neighbor's sister)
 Lisa King (Bro/Sis Owens' neighbor's sister)
 Bobby Osbourne (Sis Bell's brother)
 Daniella Spataro & son (Bro Spataro's niece/great nephew)
 Joel Sotelo [Mexico City] (Bro Ramsay's brother-in-law)
 Robert Brown (Bro Hunter's cousin)
 Trinity White (Sis White's great granddaughter)
 Olish Allen, III (Bro Allen's son)

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 continuing to live up to His Expectations and Commands through OBEDIENCE (Mt 7:21-23)
- [2] **BIBLE STUDY** (Sunday, 03 Oct 21 @ 09:30 AM): Book of Ephesians, Chapter 3
- [3] **Federal Holiday** [Columbus Day] Monday, 11 Oct
- [4] **Ladies Bible Class** (Saturday, 06 Nov 21 @ 1:00 PM): Whispering Hills Church of Christ [Duncanville]

Birthdays & Anniversaries



October '21

- [18] Christina Jones
- [22] Eric Owens
- [23] Ann Busby
- [23] Santos Spataro

[18] Mark & Darlene Sikes





food for thought

THE JOY OF GIVING Nehemiah 8:10

INTRODUCTION:

1. The reason [we] can “Rejoice in the Lord always” (Php 4:4) is because of an altered state of mind.
 - A. Instead of growing into a state of discontent due to the things **NOT** in our possession; [we] decide to focus on the many things received from the Giver of every good and perfect gift (Ac 13:17; Jas 1:17).
 1. The ultimate good God wants for everyone is to become a righteous person and go to heaven.
 - B. It is **NOT** for MAN to control their circumstances, BUT lives righteously under those circumstances BELIEVING, TRUSTING and OBEYING God knowing His Ultimate, Spiritual Purpose will prevail.

BODY:

1. THE JOY OF THE LORD IS OUR STRENGTH

- A. Remember the deeper, more abiding “JOY” is in GIVING rather than RECEIVING.
 1. This is indicated by our Lord, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Ac 20:35).
- B. A selfish, spoiled-brat attitude is **NOT** conducive to living a happy, productive, Christian LIFE.
 1. As His Children, [we] have the unique privilege of viewing all things in their most positive light.
 2. The Beloved Apostle Paul reminds us, “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose” (Rom 8:28).
 3. This important piece of information enables us to, “In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 The 5:18).
- C. ONLY in Christ can Spiritual BLESSINGS in heavenly places be found (Eph 1:3).
- D. Even when things do **NOT** appear to be going our way and anxious thoughts arise in our hearts, are [we] able to turn it over to Him because He Cares for US (1 Pet 5:7).
- E. In the midst of darkening shadows, Paul tells us to “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God” (Php 4:6).
- F. The result of incomprehensible peace is a BLESSING the world can neither give nor take (Jn 14:27).
 1. The focus of our thinking/predominant pattern of our life must be on GIVING, NOT receiving.
 2. St. Francis of Assisi is attributed to having said, “It is in giving that we receive”.
- G. A heart changed forever by the gift of Calvary (Jn 3:16) ALWAYS looking for opportunities to give.
 1. This brings us back to a full circle as to what the Lord said in “...give than to receive” (Ac 20:35).
- H. Like the 1st Century Macedonians, [we] should long for the BLESSING of participating in the support of those in need (2 Cor 8:1-4). How can one explain such unselfish joy in the midst of abject poverty?
 1. The Scripture explains “they first gave themselves to the Lord” (2 Cor 8:5).
 1. Concerning the act of giving, [we] open ourselves up to the wonderful, unending possibilities for JOY and FULFILLMENT in this LIFE as well as in the AGE to come (Eph 2:7).

Only in God there
is fullness of joy.

