

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)

LOVE ONE ANOTHER (John 13:34a)

LOVE ONE ANOTHER (John 13:34b)

LOVE ONE ANOTHER (John 13:35)

LOVE ONE ANOTHER (John 15:12)

LOVE ONE ANOTHER (John 15:17)

LOVE ONE ANOTHER (Romans 13:8)

MAKE YOUR LOVE INCREASE (1 Thess 3:12)

LOVE EACH OTHER (1 Thess 4:9)

LOVE ONE ANOTHER DEEPLY (1 Peter 3:8)

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LOVE ONE ANOTHER (1 John 3:11)

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LOVE ONE ANOTHER (1 John 4:12)

LOVE ONE ANOTHER (2 John 5)

So... LOVE ONE ANOTHER!!!!

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

General

Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother) is hospitalized
Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brother)
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)
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, 17 Oct 21 @ 09:30 AM): Book of Ephesians, Chapter 4
- [3] **Ladies Bible Class** (Saturday, 06 Nov 21 @ 1:00 PM): **Whispering Hills Church of Christ** [Duncanville]
- [4] **Daylight Savings Time** (Sunday, 07 Nov 21 @ 02:00 AM): Time **FALLS** Back!!

Birthdays & Anniversaries



October '21

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

[18] Mark & Darlene Sikes





HOW TO STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

John 13:34, 35

INTRODUCTION:

1. In order to strengthen the Church, **TRUTH must be taught from within**. God's Word is truth (Jn 8:32).
2. When practiced, it separates the Christian from the rest of the world (Jn 17:17).
3. The Church is the bearer of truth to the world; thus, it must continually teach itself (Eph 3:4; 1 Tim 3:15).
4. Pulpits are the most visible source of sharing the truth.
 - A. Paul warned Timothy when men would desire to hear something other than the truth (2 Tim 4:3).
 - B. If false teaching come from the preacher, the entire congregation can be misled (1 Cor 1:10-13; 11:1).
 - C. Critically, the pulpit can **NOT** continually teach simple beginning concepts (Heb 5:12-6:2; 1 Pet 2:2).
 1. Many congregations composed of those called Christians for decades are Spiritually starving.
 2. Christians need to be searching the Scriptures daily, scholars of the word, watchmen/defenders of the truth GROWING in Spiritual Maturity (Ac 17:11; 2 Tim 2:10-18; 1 Pet 3:15; 2 Pet 3:18).
5. Equipped in this fashion, one should be demanding more from the pulpit and one other.
 - A. One should be constantly feeding from God's Word and strengthening the Church (Psa 119:25-28).

BODY:

1. **CHRISTIANS CHOOSE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER (Jn 13:34, 35)**
 - A. Being a Christian is choosing to be a servant, especially those of the household of faith (Gal 6:10).
 - B. The expression of Christian LOVE is ultimately seen in the overall behavior to another.
 1. Are [we] contacting those who are sick asking and what can be done to help?
 2. Are PRAYERS rendered and inquiring the reason why one missed assembling with the saints?
 3. Are [we] writing/calling to encourage/inquire interest in Spiritual Growth (Ac 15:36; Heb 10:24)?
 - C. Giving LOVE, encouragement and the fruit of your physical BLESSINGS strengthens the Church.
2. **CHRISTIANS SPENT THEIR TIME TOGETHER (Ac 2:42-47)**
 - A. They made a formidable effort to leave the world by becoming a new creation (2 Cor 5:17).
 - B. Show obedience to God **NOT** returning to the former lusts of their LIFE (1 Cor 15:33; 1 Pet 1:14-16).
 1. Christians must resist Satan and the evil things of this world (Jas 4:4-7).
 - C. A strong Church seeks out pure relationships, recreation and entertainment in its daily LIFE.
 1. Christians are strengthened when opening their LIVES to others of a pure mind and HOPE.
 - D. Our Spiritual brothers/sisters should never feel alone, isolated or left out (Mt 22:37-40).
3. **STRENGTHENING OF THE CHURCH THROUGH CHURCH DISCIPLINE (2 Tim 4:2)**
 - A. The CHURCH which Christ built, finds its strength today as it did in the 1st Century: It follows the example and authority of Christ doing **ONLY** what the Father Instructed (Jn 17:14-21).
 1. The CHURCH will suffer tremendously, if it does not practice discipline; falling out of His Grace.
 2. [We] are responsible for correcting one's behavior in Christ (Ac 5:1-11; 20:27-31; 1 Cor 5:1-13).
 - B. Each of us possess a responsibility in LOVE for our brother/sister in Christ (Mt 18:15-17; Eph 4:15).
 1. Whether the issue is of immorality, practicing/teaching error, going back to the world in any form or forsaking the assembly of the saints, [we] must try to correct/save (Ac 18:26; Jude 22, 23).
 - C. Our savior has given Himself to save ALL who will follow Him (Jude 24).
 - D. Discipline has never been a sign of cruelty, rather a sign of love (Pro 3:11, 12; Heb 12:11-14).
 - E. Jesus says, "**As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent**" (Rev 3:19).
 1. The CHURCH of Christ is strengthened through the kindness of discipline. 1. The CHURCH of

