

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)

HOW TO FORGIVE

-When it's hard-



1 PRAY

MATTHEW 5:44



2 LOVE & DO GOOD TO
THE OFFENDER

ROMANS 12:9



3 RELEASE THEM FROM
YOUR PUNISHMENT

ROMANS 12:17-19



4 DON'T CELEBRATE
THEIR FAILURES

PROVERBS 24:17



5 TREAT THEM THE
WAY YOU WANT TO
BE TREATED

LUKE 6:31



6 STOP DWELLING ON
THE PAST

ISAIAH 43:18



7 DON'T SPEAK
POORLY OF THE
OFFENDER

ROMANS 12:14

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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

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)
Guitierrez, Joyce and husband, Julio

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, 24 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 [1 hour] **FALLS** Back!!
- [5] Joyce Guitierrez (husband, Julio) are recovering from [2] positive [COVID-19] testing
- [6] Richmond Gray [DeSoto, TX] (Sis Gray's brother-in-law) undergoing medical evaluation
- [7] Mark Gray [Little Rock, AR] (Sis Gray's brother-n-law) undergoing medical evaluation

Birthdays & Anniversaries



October '21

[29] Elvin Bell





food for thought

THE FREEDOM OF FORGIVENESS Ephesians 4:32

INTRODUCTION:

1. Forgiveness can **NOT** begin until LOVE has been extended.
2. Concerning brotherly love, Peter writes, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Pet 1:22, 23). How do we gain the freedom of forgiveness? LOVE!!
3. "We love, because He first loved us" (1 Jn 4:19).
4. While we were lost in sins and enemies of God, we were given a second chance (Jn 3:16 - 21).
5. What we do with the opportunity of GRACE will determine the ultimate destiny of our souls.
6. Forgiveness gives us freedom to accomplish great things.
7. But, how can we possess such freedom? We must restore an attitude of LOVE (Jn 13:34, 35; 14:15).
 - A. When you LOVE someone, it means you value them as a person (1 Jn 4:20, 21; 5:2, 3).
 1. When you value someone as a person, you are able to look past their faults and failures to see as you would yourself, being worthy of compassion and forgiveness in every conceivable fashion.
 2. When one understands long-suffering, one does **NOT** yield to passion and outbursts of anger.

BODY:

1. CHRISTIANS MUST FORGIVE IN ORDER TO BE FORGIVEN (Mt 6:14, 15)

- A. Christians are chosen by God through the gospel (2 The 2:14).
 1. The chosen BELIEVE and OBEY the gospel (Heb 5:9).
- B. Man is saved by God's GRACE and Christ's BLOOD, **BUT** conditions exist for this forgiveness.
 1. One of these is to be forgiving toward others. To be forgiven, one must demonstrate forgiveness.
 2. One must extend to one's fellowman the same forgiveness God has extended (Mt 18:21).
 3. Failure to forgive one's fellowman prohibits one from PRAYING for forgiveness (Mk 11:25).
 4. Jesus illustrated this quality in the parable of the unforgiving servant (Mt 18:35).
- C. The motive and example, which keep Christians forgiving, is how Christ has shown forgiveness.
 1. Christians must put on "...bowels of mercies..." (Col 3:12).
 - A. The language of their tender emotions which Christians express with the HEART.
 2. Kindness is LOVE in ACTION; thoughtful and considerate.
 - A. This is goodness expressed to others in a loving thoughtful way (Lk 7:37-50).
 3. Lowliness is modest self-appraisal in relation to others; opposite of pride (Lk 7:6; 18:13).
 4. Tenderhearted is compassionate (Col 3:12; 1 Pet 3:8).
 5. Meekness is Christian courtesy [i.e. gentleness; strength under control] (Rom 12:17-21).
 6. Long-suffering is patience being tested and tried by others (Rom 2:4; 9:22; 1 Tim 1:16)

Be kind and compassionate
to one another, forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

