

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)

Being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin:



God picks you from the patch and
brings you in. (John 15:16)

Then He washes all the dirt off of you.
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all
the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds
of doubt, fear, hate, and greed.

(Romans 6:6)

He carves you a new smiling face.

(Psalm 71:23)

And He puts his light inside of you to
shine for all the world to see.

(Matthew 5:16)

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
Richmond Gray (Sis Gray's brother-in-law)
Mark Gray (Sis Gray's brother-in-law)
Wesley Pollard (Bro/Sis Simon's brother-in-law)

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, 31 Oct 21 @ 09:30 AM): Book of Ephesians, Chapter 4
- [3] Ladies Bible Class (Saturday, 06 Nov 21 @ 12:00 PM): Whispering Hills Church of Christ [Duncanville]
- [4] Daylight Savings Time (Sunday, 07 Nov 21 @ 02:00 AM): TIME [1 hour] FALLS Back!!
- [5] Federal Holiday [Veterans Day (Thursday, 11 Nov @ 11:00 AM)]
- [6] Wesley Pollard [Elder, Dowlen Rd CC (Beaumont, TX)] was rushed to the ER (23 Oct) for medical alertness.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



November '21

[13] Joyce Fair

[18] Don & Karen Lee

[22] Chris & Lorena Hunter





food for thought

POWERFUL PRAYER

Psalms 17:6

INTRODUCTION:

1. Many of us struggle carrying everyday burdens because we do **NOT** TRUST God to lend a helping hand.
 - A. Frustration and anxiety characterize our lives when peace might be ours if we place TRUST in Him.
2. James reminds Christians: "...yet ye have not, because ye ask not" (Jas 4:2).
 - A. A church cannot advance beyond its willingness to pray.
 - B. When prayer becomes the forgotten essential, growth becomes the impossible dream.
3. Jesus says, "...for without me ye can do nothing" (Jn 15:5).
 - A. He also says, "...but with God all things are possible" (Mt 19:26).
4. The difference between Spiritual success and failure is our ability to bend our knees in PRAYER.
5. PRAYER is **NOT** regurgitating memorized phrases offered to God in meaningless repetition (Mt 6:7).
 - A. It is expressing our heart's most earnest desires to the Creator (Mt 11:24).
 - B. It begins with a close, personal relationship with the Father made available only through His Son.

BODY:

1. INCLINE THINE EAR UNTO ME (Psa 17:6)

- A. David is asking the Sovereign of the universe to bend His Ear out of Heaven and touch his lips.
- B. PRAYER is **NOT** designed to keep God informed on what is going on in our lives.
 1. He already knows everything including the number of hairs on the head (Lk 12:7).
 2. Our requests will **NOT** surprise Him nor catch Him off guard.
 - A. He knows what we need before we ask Him (Mt 6:32).
 - B. It is as much an expression of our dependency on God; acknowledging His Almighty POWER
 - C. It is intimately connected to a LIFE making every effort to live in harmony with His Word.
- C. "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination" (Pro 28:9).
- D. Unrepentant sin destroys the effectiveness of prayer.
 1. When complaining God was **NOT** hearing their prayers, Isaiah responded in these familiar words: "Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear" (Isa 59:1, 2).
 - A. Heaven was **NOT** the hindering cause. It was their sinful conduct.
 - B. One can **NOT** live wrong and PRAY right!
- E. James says, "The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas 5:16).
 1. We can **NOT** expect powerful prayers if making provision for the flesh (Rom 13:14; Gal 5:24).
- F. The Psalmist concluded, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*." (Psa 66:18).

I call on you, my God, for you will answer
me; turn your ear to me and hear my
prayer.

PSALM 17:6

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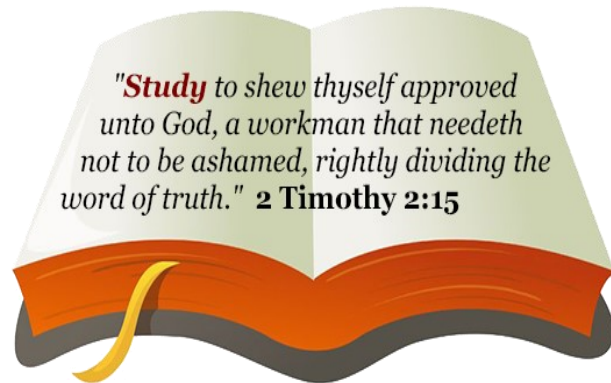
“And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all” (Eph 1:22, 23).

Advantages of PRAYER

1. Prayer protects us.
2. Prayer changes things.
3. Prayer keeps you in the will of God.
4. Prayer draws you closer to God.
5. Prayer makes you happy.
6. Prayer gives you Hope.
7. Prayer makes you less selfish.
8. Prayer heals you from all pain.
9. Prayer makes you stronger spiritually.

Weekly Bible Reading

October	31, 2021	Haggai	01 - 02
November	01, 2021	Zechariah	01 - 07
November	02, 2021	Zechariah	08 - 14
November	03, 2021	Malachi	01 - 04
November	04, 2021	Matthew	01 - 07
November	05, 2021	Matthew	08 - 14
November	06, 2021	Matthew	15 - 21
November	07, 2021	Matthew	22 - 28



Sermon Notes...
