

# 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)

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### VERSES FOR THE WEEK

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Psalms 43:4 Then I will go to the altar  
of God,  
to God my exceeding joy,  
and I will praise you with the lyre,  
O God, my God.

Psalm 118:24  
This is the day that the  
Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be  
glad in it.

Psalm 119:111 Your Word is my treasure;  
my heart's delight.

Nehemiah 8:10  
The joy of the Lord  
is my strength.

I Chronicles 16:27  
Strength and joy  
are in  
His place.

### Thank you for visiting with us

Our goal is to **WORSHIP** God according to His Will just as  
the Christians in the 1<sup>st</sup> 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,  
Ann Busby, Joyce Fair, Curtis Ward, Mary Ervin,  
Billie Guthrie  
Joseph Tensley (Gospel Preacher [Teague, TX])

### Grieving

FAMILY of Richmond Gray (Sis Gray's brother-in-law)

### General

Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother) is hospitalized  
Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brother)  
Bobby Osbourne (Sis Bell's brother)  
Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsay's daughter)  
Joel Sotelo [Mexico City] (Bro Ramsay's brother-in-law)  
Trinity White (Sis White's great granddaughter)  
Mark Gray (Sis Gray's brother-in-law)  
Wesley Pollard (Bro/Sis Simon's brother-in-law)  
Lee Carpenter (Sis Simon's brother)  
Baltimore Hernandez (Bro Spataro'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, 28 Nov 21 @ 09:30 AM): Book of Ephesians 5:1 - 21
- [3] Ladies Bible Class (Saturday, 04 Dec 21 @ 1:00 PM): [Cedar Hill]
- [4] Lee Carpenter (Sis Simon's brother) undergoing cancer treatment
- [4] Baltimore Hernandez (Bro Spataro's brother-in-law) experiencing upper respiratory complications
- [5] Sis Glaster's undergoing medical evaluations involving health concerns
- [6] Federal Holiday [Christmas Day (Saturday, 25 Dec 21)]
- [7] Federal Holiday [New Year's Day (Saturday, 01 Jan 22)]

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



### December '21

- [15] David Ramsay
- [17] Jacqui Brager
- [22] Pat Skinner
- [25] Nicholas Lee
- [29] Lorena Hunter
- [31] Bebe Kay

[28] The Brager's Anniversary





# food for thought

## FINDING JOY Psalms 94:17 - 19

### INTRODUCTION:

1. The Psalmist quickly realizes without Jehovah's Help, one has **NO** cause for JOY [optimism].
2. Had God **NOT** Divinely aided, "Unless the Lord had been my help..." one would be dead (Psa 94:17a).
  - A. Recognizing the necessity of God, "My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O Lord, hold me up" (Psa 94:18)
3. In this world bent on the pursuit of pleasure rather than TRUTH, Christians must LEARN to distinguish between legitimate pleasure and sinful indulgence. Moses knew the pleasure of sin only lasts for a season.
  - A. We would **NOT** be tempted to sin if there were **NO** pleasure in it (Heb 11:25); coming as a high cost.
    1. The treasures and honors of Egypt looked like the greatest thing in the world, BUT temporary.
    2. By FAITH, Moses made his break with the world and was willing to suffer with God's People.
      - A. Realized sharing the ill treatment with Israel and being right with God was most important.
      - B. Knew of the Coming Messiah (Deu 18:15) and willing to bear the reproach on His Behalf.
4. "...for the joy of the Lord is your strength (Neh 8:10h). His JOY is our fortress (1 Jn 2:15-17).
  - A. Avoid making worldly pleasure our purpose in LIFE, we LEARN to find JOY serving the Lord.

### BODY:

1. **WITHIN ME THY COMFORTS DELIGHT MY SOUL**
  - A. Do our lives testify to the presence of JOY in Christian Service? The gospel is good news!
    1. If not, then, this might explain our ineffectiveness in reaching out to others.
      - A. Paul says, "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I will say rejoice!" (Php 4:4).
      - B. The fruit of the Spirit includes joy (Gal 5:22). JOY is the result of following God's Plan.
  - B. Where do we find JOY? Without a doubt, JOY is a by-product of our relationship with Jesus.
    1. All Spiritual BLESSINGS are "in Christ" (Eph 1:3). Christian JOY is a Spiritual BLESSING.
    2. Therefore, one must be "in Christ" to experience true JOY.
      - A. As long as one is on the outside looking in, JOY will be an elusive dream.
  - C. JOY is the characteristic of a life reaching out beyond our personal interests seeking the well-being of others (Php 2:3, 4). Jesus reminds us "...It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Ac 20:35).
  - D. Joy is enhanced by the common love we have for one another in Christ.
    1. It is anchored in our hope of heaven – a place of eternal JOY in the presence of God.
  - E. At the end of his laborious struggle to find meaning in LIFE, Solomon came to understand the whole duty of man is to "...fear God and keep His commandments" (Ecc 12:13).
    1. This is the key to JOY: realizing our purpose in LIFE is to please our Maker (1 The 4:1).
  - F. Seek God first. Learn to tell the difference between sinful and legitimate pleasure.
    1. Get busy serving God and following after His Commands.
      - A. These are the things making LIFE a JOY.

**WHEN ANXIETY WAS GREAT WITHIN ME,  
YOUR CONSOLATION BROUGHT JOY TO MY SOUL.**

**PSALM 94:19**



