

# 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)

## WHAT IT MEANS TO

# Abide in Jesus

**A** *dore His majesty in prayer*  
"If you abide in Me, and my  
words abide in you, ask whatever  
you wish, and it will be done for  
you." John 15:7

**B** *less Him through service*  
"I am the vine; you are the  
branches. Whoever abides in Me  
and I in him, he it is that bears  
much fruit, for apart from Me you  
can do nothing." John 15:5

**I** *ncline your heart toward  
His Word*  
"If you keep my commandments,  
you will abide in my love, just as I  
have kept my Father's  
commandments and abide in His  
love." John 15:10

**D** *well deep in His love*  
"Just as the Father has loved Me,  
I have also loved you; abide in  
My love." John 15:4

**E** *xalt Him with joy*  
"These things I have spoken to  
you, that my joy may be in you,  
and that your joy may be full."  
John 15:11

### 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, Mary Glaster

### Grieving

### 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)  
Joseph Tensley (Gospel Preacher [Teague, TX])  
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, 19 Dec 21 @ 09:30 AM): Book of Ephesians 5:1 - 21, 22 - 33
- [3] Federal Holiday [Christmas Day (Saturday, 25 Dec 21)]
- [4] Federal Holiday [New Year's Day (Saturday, 01 Jan 22)]

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



### December '21

- [21] Pat Skinner
- [25] Nicholas Lee
- [29] Lorena Hunter
- [31] Bebe Kay

[28] The Brager's FAMILY





# food for thought

## SIR, WE WISH TO SEE JESUS

John 12:20 - 26

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Greek God-fearers came to Jerusalem to "...worship at the feast:" (Jn 20:20).
  - A. They came to Philip probably (because of his Greek name) seeking to meet Jesus.
  - B. People can see Jesus in many ways; BUT, none so effective as through the life of a loving disciple.
    1. Our mission is to seek and save the lost (Lk 19:10).
    2. Accomplishing our mission involves introducing people to Jesus (Tit 2:11; Heb 2:3).
      - A. This is achieved through His Word and our personal example.
      - B. [We] must be pure in our actions living a good moral life with sincere motives (1 Tim 4:12)
  - C. Before [we] can be effective in outreach, [we] must first apply Christ Teachings to our own lives.
    1. Our love for God and others opens doors for outreach (Mt 22:37-39).
    2. [We] introduce people to Jesus by our example before we open the Bible to share God's Word.
      - A. Both of these avenues are essential for consistent growth in the church.

### BODY:

#### 1. SON OF MAN SHOULD BE GLORIFIED

- A. Jesus did **NOT** talk directly to the Greeks, BUT conveyed His Message through Andrew and Philip.
  1. Up until this time at every danger, Jesus' Hour had **NOT** yet come (Jn 2:4; 7:6, 8; 7:30; 8:20).
- B. From this point forward, God's Word says His Hour has come (Jn 12:23).
  1. It is His Glorification by Crucifixion, Resurrection from the dead and Ascension into heaven.
    - A. Jesus explained the necessity of His Death by using an agricultural term.
      1. If a seed is **NOT** put into the ground, it will **NOT** produce the desired result.
        - A. Seeds which are **NOT** sown are alone.
      2. If the seed is buried in the ground and dies, it comes forth and bears much fruit.
        - A. Seeds which are sown, die and brings forth a harvest.
    - B. This illustration is used in order for Him to accomplish His Purpose, He must die (Jn 11:51).
      1. Apart from the cross, there is **NO** Spiritual Harvest to produce a rich, Spiritual Harvest.
    - C. Christ Death Principle of LIFE is applicable to Himself and His Disciples (Mt 10:37-39).
  2. Jesus calls Himself the "Son of man" (Jn 1:51; 3:13, 14; 5:27; 6:27, 53, 62; 8:28; 9:35).
    - A. The reward for following Christ is honor with The Father (Jn 12:26).
    - B. Christians must have their priorities in order and LOVE God more than anything else to have Eternal LIFE (Mt 16:24-26; Mk 8:34-38; Lk 9:23-26; 17:32, 33; Rom 6:23).
    - C. Christians must be a servant as Christ by following His Examples (Ac 4:12; 1 Cor 11:1).
- C. The Apostle Peter says, "Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by *your* good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation" (1 Pet 2:12).
- D. These words are reminiscent of Christ's own words in the Sermon on the Mount when He said, "**Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven**" (Mt 5:16).
- E. What the world needs now are shining lights pointing the way to Jesus (Jn 14:1 - 6).

