# Whispering Hills Church Of Christ

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# **SUNDAY Gathering Times**

Bible Class 09:30 AM Morning 10:30 AM

#### Leadership

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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)

# Abide in Jesus

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

Pless 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

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

well deep in His love

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

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] **B**IBLE **S**TUDY (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)]

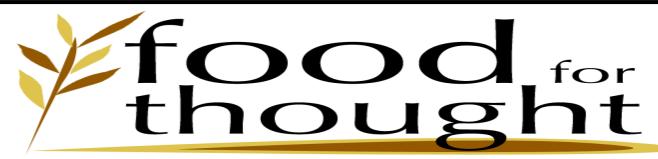




#### December '21

- [21] Pat Skinner
- [25] Nicholas Lee
- [29] Lorena Hunter
- [31] Bebe Kay
- [28] The Brager's FAMILY





#### 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:**

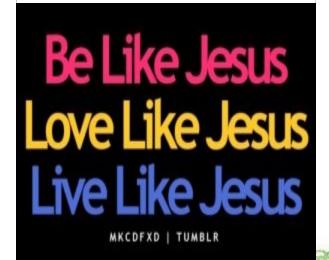
#### 1. SON OF MAN SHOULD BE GLORIFIED

- 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).

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"And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence" (Col 1:18).



## Genuine Faith Bible Reading Challenge

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1. Luke 8:43-48

2. Hebrews 11:1-10

3. Hebrews 11:11-21

4. Hebrews 11:22-31

4. Hebrews 11.22-51

5. Hebrews 11:32-39

6. Matthew 6:28-34

7. Acts 11:19-23

8. 1 Corinthians 16:13&14

9. Matthew 8:24-27

10. Matthew 17:14-20

11. Matthew 21:19-22

12. Acts 15:7-11

13. Hebrews 6:1-3

14. Proverbs 3:1-6

15. Matthew 9:1-8

16. Matthew 9:18-26

17. Matthew 9:27-31

18. Matthew 25:14-23

19. Luke 7:1-10

20. Luke 18:1-8

20. Luke 10.1 0

21. Acts. 3:11-16

22. Romans 1:1-7

23. Romans 1:9-17

24. Mark 9:14-29

25. Mark 11:20-25

26. Luke 8:9-15

27. John 3:27-36

28. John 8:31-38

29. John 14:8-14

30. John 20:24-29

31. Romans 10:9-17

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