



# Whispering Hills

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

GROWING TOGETHER

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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)

# WELCOME

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

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.

## Are you **operating** in the flesh or the Spirit?

The Flesh	The Spirit
- Lies	- Truth
- Control	- Peace
- Manipulations	- Humility
- Lust	- Patience
- Adultery	- Submission
- Fornication	- Purity
- Distrust	- Self Control
- Jealousy	- Faith
- Defensiveness	- Seeks God
- Pride	- Gentleness
- Fear	- Loving
- Greed	
- Idolatry	



**Continuous PRAYERS**

Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Cloud, Patricia Skinner, Ron Forge, Ann Busby, Curtis Ward



**General**

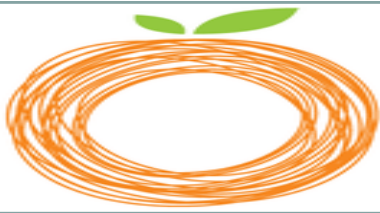
Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother) is hospitalized  
 Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brother)  
 Bobby Osbourne (Sis Bell's brother)  
 Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsay's daughter)  
 Joel Sotelo [Mexico City] (Bro Ramsay's brother-in-law)  
 Wesley Pollard (Bro/Sis Simon's brother-in-law)  
 Lee Carpenter (Sis Simon's brother)  
 Baltimore Hernandez (Bro Spataro's brother-in-law)



- [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, 02 Jan 22 @ 09:30 AM): Book of Ephesians 6:1 - 33
- [3] Ladies Bible Class (Saturday, 05 Feb 22 @ 1:00 PM): Whispering Hills Church of Christ [Duncanville]
- [4] Ronnie Sims (Sis Kaye's brother) is being placed in hospice care (cancer in his stomach) [07 Jan]



Karen Lee	[09]
Mark Sikes	[17]
Carolyn Cloud	[24]



food for thought

## **I Need You To Help Me Get To Heaven**

The title of this article is written in the 1<sup>st</sup> person in order to emphasize the personal nature of this need.

The purpose of this article is to demonstrate from scripture that we need each other's help to get to Heaven. We certainly need God's help, but we also need each other. As Christians, we need the help of our brothers and sisters in Christ to get to Heaven.

I suspect that we're pretty independent in our thinking regarding our salvation. We probably don't think much about our fellow Christians' influence on our salvation, nor about our influence on theirs. We probably think it's pretty much up to each one of us individually.

However, the Scriptures indicate the exact opposite is actually true. We seriously need the help of our brothers and sisters in Christ to help us get to Heaven and they seriously need our help on their Spiritual journey. Perhaps it's because we do not realize how important our influence is that we tend to be as careless as we often are in our actions toward each other. Maybe this is also one reason why so many members of the Lord's church are as weak as they are Spiritually. One of the main sources of Spiritual strengthening is going largely neglected.

The Bible refers to the church as the "house of God" (1 Tim 3:15). Each member is like a living brick within the structure of that house (1 Pet 2:5). If one brick is missing from a house, the whole house is weakened. The bricks around the hole left by the missing brick become extra stressed due to the lack of support from the one that's missing. Such presents a serious situation, even if only one brick is missing. Would you buy a house that was missing even one brick?

Now imagine what it would be like if five or ten bricks were missing. What about twenty or thirty scattered throughout the house? We would quickly become concerned about structural integrity. We would wonder if it was safe to live in that house. The image such a house would present would be extremely negative.

Why would we come to such quick, clear and obvious conclusions in regard to a physical house that is missing a bunch of bricks, but we don't seem to give much thought at all to what a serious state of affairs it is when a number of living bricks are missing from the Lord's House?

We normally emphasize the responsibility of faithful church attendance through faithfulness (Heb. 10:25). But if we're only getting the point that it is obligatory for a Christian who would be faithful to attend church services as often as possible, then we're missing most of the teaching in that context.

There are major reasons for faithful church attendance. One obvious reason is to pay God proper respect through our worship. Another reason is to nurture our personal spiritual strength as much as possible. We need to worship and study with the church when the church meets because we become stronger by so doing (Heb 10:23).

A third, very important reason is that our fellow Christians need strength from us and we need strength from them (Heb 10:24). We encourage each other as we worship and study together. Just seeing each other coming together for the mutual purpose of serving our Lord is encouraging. But learning His Word together, praying together, singing the encouraging messages of the songs to each other and joining together in like worship, strengthens us. The nature of that strengthening can only occur when we are together.

Truly, I need you to help me get to Heaven. *Will you help me?...*

~~ author unknown

