

**VOLUME II, ISSUE I** 

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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)





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.

# God has given us:

**Eyes**, not to judge others but to look beyond situations,

Mouth, not to criticize but to speak for the truth,

Hands, not to punish but to give a helping hand,

**Ears**, not to be insensitive but to listen and aid those in pain.

**Everything** God gave us has its purpose. Use them for the greater glory of the Lord.



#### **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)
Ronnie Sims (Sis Kaye's brother)
Miguel Graves, Jr (friend of Bro Owens, Jr)
Mark Gray (Sis Gray'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] **B**IBLE **S**TUDY (Sunday, 06 Feb 22 @ 09:30 AM): Book of **Ephesians** 6:1 33
- [3] <u>Ladies Bible Class</u> (Saturday, 05 Mar 22 @ 1:00 PM): <u>Whispering Hills Church of Christ</u> [Duncanville]





# food for thought

#### ARE YOU PRAYFUL?

**Does PRAYER resonate in our daily LIFE?** The Apostle Paul shares with us to "Pray without ceasing" (1 The 5:17). The Christian must be of PRAYER because it is impossible to live this LIFE by oneself. God wants us to PRAY to Him (Jer 29:12; 33:3) because He is the GIVER of all BLESSINGS (Jas 1:17). This help is available by asking God (Jas 1:5, 6). He wants us to ask. James stated succinctly "you do not have because you do not ask" (Jas 4:2, 3). His Power can change things answering PRAYERS (Eph 3:20).

To "Pray without ceasing" one must do this consistently [daily]. Most Christians are known to utilize this several times throughout the day. This begins as soon as one arises, at meal times, at the close of day (as well as many times in between). It is good if one has established set times to PRAY; however, one must not be limited to these. He added, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 The 5:18). Give "THANKS" in every conceivable opportunity without regards to the conditions or circumstances. When one THINKS, one should be thankful. It is God's Will for us to be joyful, PRAYING always and giving thanks (must be inclusive in our PRAYERS.

"Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved" (Eph 1:1-5).

The Apostle Paul gave instructions of putting on "...the whole armor of God..." (Eph 6:11-17). Jesus used an entire parable to emphasize "...that men always ought to pray and not lose heart" (Lk 18:1-8). We find in other Scriptures of The Lord stressing persistence in PRAYER (Lk 11:5-10).

What is your mindset when you PRAY? A basic theme in all of the texts cited is PRAYERS can make a difference; PRAYER can change things. Do you have confidence PRAYERS can make a difference? James relays, "Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas 5:16). Do you trust God to keep His Word? He will listen to and answer PRAYERS (1 Jn 5:14, 15).

Are you PRAYING for those: mentioned in the announcements each week? Whose names are listed on the PRAYER list, some listed for many weeks/months? Members hurting in their personal lives? Struggling in their faith and commitment to God, some of whom may not have been at WORSHIP for quite some time? What about the congregation? For unity, harmony and love to always prevail in order for us to be the proper example of Christianity, especially before we expose ourselves to the world around us? What about our the leadership: elders, preachers and teachers? For this world, our youth to grow up to be strong, dedicated Christians inspite of what may appear to be more glamourous and tempting? For the work we are doing to teach the gospel in this area and around the world? What about the souls we are privileged to be in contact along our Christian walk to guide them to Christ?

Each one of us can PRAY and our PRAYERS are important as well as needed while continuing to GROW with Him, who is able to provide the necessary guidance for our ultimate success in Him (1 Cor 11:1; 3 Jn 1). So, again the question, **Are you PRAYFUL?**...

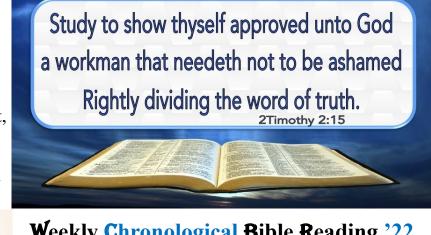
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### PRAYING CONTINUALLY

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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).



### PRAY without ceasing,

give thanks in all circumstances;

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

### Weekly Chronological Bible Reading '22

February	06, 2022	Exodus	22 - 24
February	07, 2022	Exodus	25 - 27
February	08, 2022	Exodus	28 - 29
February	09, 2022	Exodus	30 - 32
February	10, 2022	Exodus	33 - 35
February	11, 2022	Exodus	36 - 38
February	12, 2022	Exodus	39 - 40
February	13, 2022	Leviticus	01 - 04

# SERMON NOTES