



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).

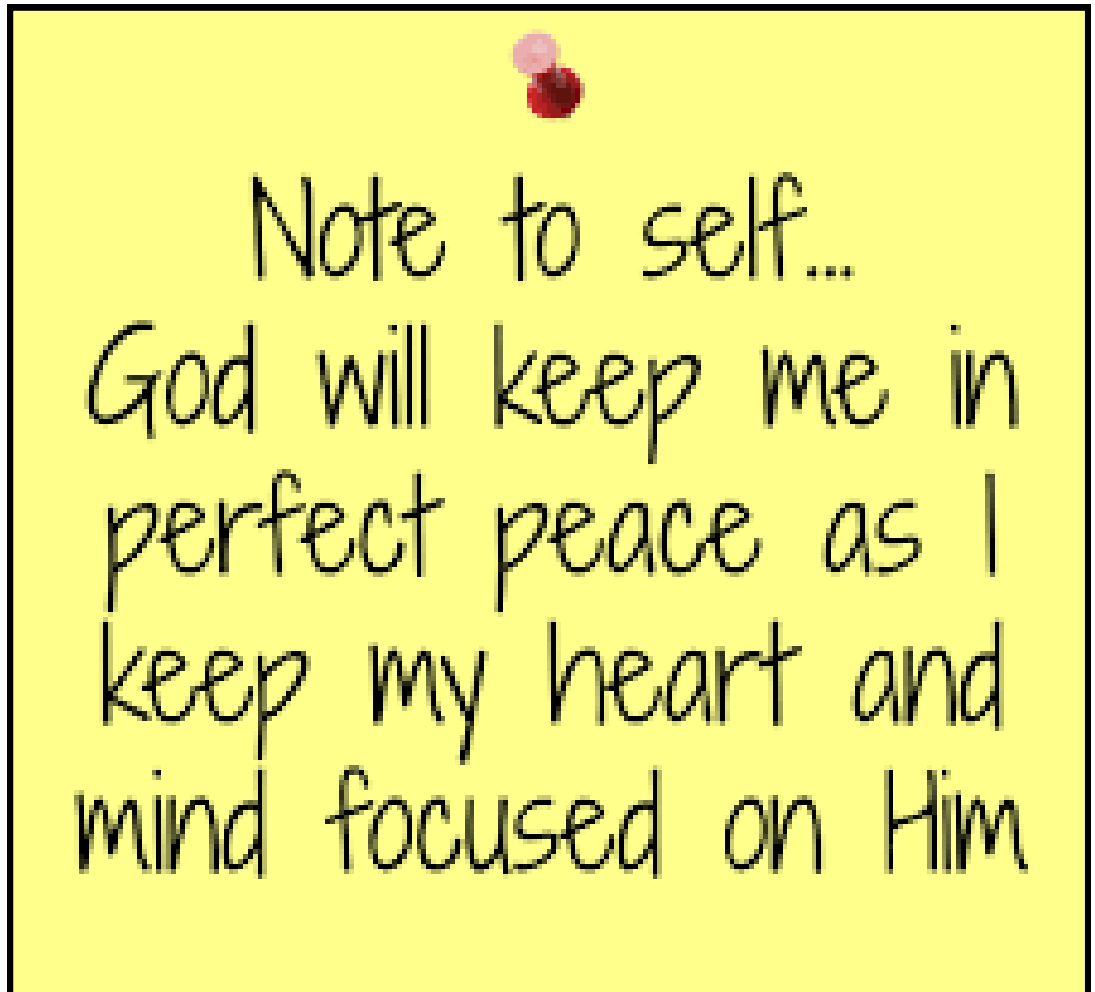
HOW TO BE SAVED

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)



Our goal is to **WORSHIP** God according to His Will just as
the Christians in the 1st 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.



Note to self...
God will keep me in
perfect peace as I
keep my heart and
mind focused on Him



Continuous PRAYERS

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



General

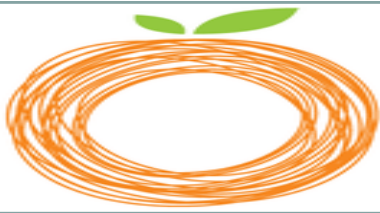
Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother) is hospitalized
Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brother)
Bobby Osbourne (Sis Bell's brother)
Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsay's daughter)
Joel Sotelo [Mexico City] (Bro Ramsay's brother-in-law)
Wesley Pollard (Bro/Sis Simon's brother-in-law)
Lee Carpenter (Sis Simon's brother)
Baltimore 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] **BIBLE STUDY** (**S**unday, 13 Feb 22 @ 09:30 **A**M): Book of **E**phesians 6:1 - 33
- [3] **Ladies Bible Class** (**S**aturday, 05 Mar 22 @ 1:00 PM): **W**hispering **H**ills **C**hurch of **C**hrist [Duncanville]
- [4] **Daylight Savings Time** (**S**unday, 13 Mar 22 @ 0200 AM). Clocks are to be moved ahead - **1** hour for **SPRING!!**



Darlene Sikes [14]
Ricqui Brager [20]



food for thought

LET'S KEEP OUR EYES ON THE LORD

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Heb 12:1, 2).

The Hebrews writer guided by God pens these great texts of encouragement mentions those numerous Old Testament characters of great FAITH (Heb 11:1-40) are like “a cloud of witnesses” who could easily be imagined as spectators [martyrs]. But, these are those who bears testimony (usually via DEATH). Do we, today, need what was shared by God’s Encouragement even now?

Those “the Heros of Faith” (HOF) individuals, being examples of dedicated FAITH, serve as the reference to our “*being surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses*”. Within the examples of the HOF, we are able to find the exhortations of an athletic event which is often compared to the Christian LIFE illustrated eloquently by the Apostle Paul (1 Cor 9:24-27; Php 1:30; 1 Tim 6:20; 2 Tim 4:7).

Right now, we’re going through an unprecedented time in our lives. Reports of new cases of infection with COVID-19 and deaths as a result, are nonstop. They appear to be surging again. That reality, along with all of the regular challenges of LIFE, we do face on an ongoing basis, has created a heightened level of stress daily. What should we do, how should we respond, what should be our outlook? As the Hebrew writer encourages, we should always be “*looking unto Jesus*”.

Paul’s outlook on life in this world, having experienced times of both abundance and great difficulty. What sustained and gave him assurance in the downtimes as well as during the good times? He stated, “Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Php 4:11-13). He talked about the calming assurance involved in taking anything and everything to God in PRAYER. “*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus*” (Php 4:6, 7).

Paul is emphatic about Christian having a need to run and not become weary (Gal 6:9, 10). We are to run by laying aside every weight and sin which does beset (distracts/clings/entangles) us. The weight does impedes [burdens] by weighing down or hindering one’s effectiveness for progression. Whatever is not aiding in the race must be cast aside, if one is serious about obtaining the desired goal of pleasing God (1 The 4:1). To run with patience is to possess perseverance and endurance [qualities of mastery for every distance runner). This is a need for utilization of every Christian (Heb 10:32, 36-38; 11:13).

God knows our every need, our every concern. When presenting those needs and concerns before Him in PRAYER, we know He Listens: He Cares, is all powerful and will take care of us. As a result, He BLESSES us with a unique inner peace guarding our hearts and minds through Christ our Savior.

Because we are Christians, saved in Christ, we can be thankful in the most difficult of circumstances. Paul encouraged the Christians in Thessalonica, “*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you*” (1 The 5:16-18). Then, instructed to pray continually and, as a major feature within their prayers, “*in everything give thanks.*”

Even in the face of our present reality we have reason to be profoundly thankful. A great many people are looking for deliverance through some source connected with this world. We look for deliverance from the Creator of this world!! Ultimately, we will be eternally OK as long as “*We Keep Our Eyes On The Lord...*”

~ Author Unknown ~

