



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.

**YOU
SHALL
LOVE
THE
LORD
YOUR
GOD**

Deuteronomy 6:5

WITH ALL YOUR
HEART

WITH ALL YOUR
SOUL

WITH ALL YOUR
MIGHT

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Continuous PRAYERS

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



General

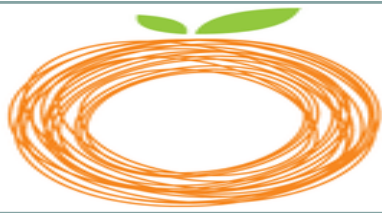
Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother) is hospitalized
 Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brother)
 Bobby Osbourne (Sis Bell's brother)
 Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsay's daughter)
 Joel Sotelo [Mexico City] (Bro Ramsay's brother-in-law)
 Wesley Pollard (Bro/Sis Simon's brother-in-law)
 Lee Carpenter (Sis Simon's brother)
 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** (Sunday, 20 Feb 22 @ 09:30 **A**M): Book of Ephesians 6:1 - 24
- [3] Federal Holiday (Presidents' Day; 3rd Monday in February: 21 Feb 22)
- [4] Ladies Bible Class (Saturday, 05 Mar 22 @ 1:00 PM): Whispering Hills Church of Christ [Duncanville]
- [5] Daylight Savings Time (Sunday, 13 Mar 22 @ 0200 AM). Clocks are to be moved ahead - **1 hour** for **SPRING!!**



Ricqui Brager [20]



food for thought

How Much Do We Need God?

Luke 10:25 - 28

Just how much do we need God? Most people, even the most dedicated, probably do not think much on a daily basis about how much they “truly” need God. If asked the question, most of us would quickly affirm we need God every step of the way, every day, but probably do not live like it. We get caught up in all the daily living of *busy-ness*. *Well, do we need God?*

Only in the book of Luke do we find the story of the “Good Samaritan” which causes us to be humble using our remembrance to focus on the unselfish behaviour displayed (Lk 10:25-28). Let’s recall what occurred. A lawyer, being an expert as a scribe by copying the Law of Moses attempts to entice Jesus in the area of being inconsistent with a play on words. He has ulterior motives; thus, he is insincere. He poses a question to Jesus, “...what shall I do to inherit eternal life” (Lk 10:25)? Knowing He is being tempted, Jesus responds sincerely with a question for the lawyer to digest: “...What is written in the law...” (Lk 10:26)? Another way of saying, what does the law say concerning his question. The lawyer is quite arrogant giving an Old Testament answer to the question (Lev 19:18; Deu 6:5). It revealed, the Law of Moses taught one must have the perfect love of God as well as the perfect love for one’s fellowman in order to inherit eternal life. Jesus knew his heart and the attitude behind the question and astutely acknowledged the lawyer answered correctly; but information of great importance was about to be revealed (Lk 10:37). The inevitable conclusion of how one is to love God is the essence of obtaining eternal life because when one loves God, one obeys God (Jn 14:15; 1 Jn 5:3). Notice how this relates to one’s neighbor; this this will conclude in doing good things instead of hurtful things.

After recalling the “Good Samaritan” in our historical fashion, we are still left with the question we initially began, but now let’s put some specifics to the question: How much do we need God?

Ask that question of a single mother who’s been deserted by the father of her children. She has no money, job nor any profitable skills and may be pregnant again. She’s lived a hard life in the relatively short time she’s been alive. Her natural beauty, so apparent not long ago, has faded greatly. She’s reduced to the meager subsistence she can gain through government aid and charity. *Does she need God?*

Ask a man in his 50’s, who’s worked hard his whole life, over 25 years with the same company; does his job well, the only job he knows. Owes another 40 years on his home and 4 more on the car he and his wife bought last year. Has 2 children in college. It’s not been easy, but they manage fairly well. Before long he can begin to save for retirement; but when he goes into work today, he receives a letter from the company about being sold to a bigger company making the same product. This company will close at the end of the month. He will receive 2 weeks severance pay. Everyone’s sorry for any inconvenience or hardship. *Is God needed?*

Ask a woman who’s just heard the doctor say the dreaded word: “*Cancer!*” What are her prospects, what can be done? Is the prognosis good, did they catch it in time? Will she, *die*? The doctor makes no promises, but offers hope, encouragement. Radiation is often effective. Chemotherapy has shown promise. Surgery is not an option in this case. *Only time will tell*. She leaves filled with questions, confusion, sheer terror. Tears stream down her face. She must go home, fix dinner and tell her family! *Does she need God?*

Ask people trapped in a state of depression so intense they just cannot seem to function. They’d rather sleep than face life. They eat just enough to drive away the hunger pangs. They don’t talk much due to not having much to say. Their faces show little expression, except a sense of hopeless despair. People keep telling them to “*snap out of it*” not understanding the crushing weight pressing down they cannot budge by themselves. Their constant wish is to be able to care again, to feel joy again, to live. *Do they need God?*

Hundreds of other situations we come face to face with the frailty of our physical existence? Stroke victim? Drug addict? Alcoholic? An elderly person living out their final years in a nursing home? A patient lying on a gurney waiting to be wheeled into the operating room for major surgery? *Do we need God?*

Yes, we do. Not just when things go bad, but when things are good. To walk with Him when we’re young and vigorous; strong, happy and healthy. When things are good equips us to face some staggering reality to come our way later. Don’t take God for granted. Look to Him for Strength/Direction every day. Thank Him for His blessings and use them in His Service and to His Glory. *We need God, daily!!* ~ Author Unknown

