



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 first century did (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 **BELONG** Here!

Acts 2:42-47 and Romans 12:10

5 RULES FOR A HAPPY LIFE

- 1 COUNT YOUR BLESSING NOT YOUR TROUBLES**
"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." **Matthew 6:33**
- 2 LEARN TO BE A GIVER & NOT A GETTER**
"And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" **Acts 20:35**
- 3 PRAY EVERYDAY**
"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done." **Philippians 4:6**
- 4 FILL YOUR LIFE WITH GOD**
"And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise." **Philippians 4:8**
- 5 LET GO & LET GOD**
"For nothing is impossible with God." **Luke 1:37**



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, 02 Apr 22 @ 09:30 AM): Book of Colossians 1:9 - 18
- [3] Ladies Bible Class (Wednesdays in April 22 @ 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM): conducted virtually [Duncanville]



Ron Forge [2]
 Ashley Allen [3]

Ann & Arthur Busby [12]
 Mack & Carolyn Cloud [21]



food for thought

Where Are You Looking For Happiness?

In the words of our Lord and Saviour, “So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, **Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them**” (Jn 13:12-17). Notwithstanding His great humility, Jesus expects to be regarded as Master and Lord; do we so call and treat Him? We must be as willing to obey Him as a soldier to obey his commanding officers, even when the order conflicts with his comfort, convenience, or safety. We must also do for each other, in our poor measure, what He has done for us, taking on us the form and work of a slave, that we may remove from each other any stain contracted. It is only when we stooped to the simplest and lowest humility, we are able to lift our brethren to a purer and nobler life. Let us watch over each other's souls, as those who must give an account. Jesus had just given a lesson on humility, attitude and serving one another by personally washing the feet of each of the apostles (Jn 13:4-16). He stated, “If ye know these things, **happy** are ye if ye do them” (v17). The real happiness is not in washing someone's feet, but in living the life of a faithful, dedicated Christian; it is understanding who you are, what you're about and knowing your life has purpose (Ecc 12:13; Rom 18:28). A Christian can find happiness in serving others in ways which are designed to cause one to be happy. Blessing are the result of practicing a life of humility and service.

Everybody wants to be happy; but are they willing to do what is required for this to be a reality/ There may be more emphasis in our society right now than ever before on finding happiness. A lot of focus on having a job one can be happy with. Some move to different locations in the pursuit of happiness. Wives are leaving husbands; husbands are leaving wives because they're just not happy. Teenagers are committing suicide at a staggering rate because they're depressed, unhappy. Happiness seems to be elusive to many, but a profound question should be, “Where do you look for happiness” (Jas 5:11; 1 Pet 3:14; 4:14)?

Do you wonder if a lot of people understand what it is to be happy? You don't have to be jumping up and down, giggling, clapping your hands and be ecstatic to be happy. Imagine visiting someone special by going to a local restaurant, ordering dinner while sitting and talking. Recall talking about nothing of earth shattering importance; then someone in management come to your table, apologizes for the meal taking so long, then informs you the dessert of choice would be on the house! Are you surprised and a bit stunned? Neither had noticed it had been an unusually long time since ordering. It had been a long time since you had been together and were just happy to be able to visit and talk. Getting a free dessert of choice certainly caused happiness, but that was just icing on the cake (pardon the play on words). Were you not already happy?

Some confuse happiness with excitement. If they're not about to do something exciting or coming down from some high, they think they're unhappy. There's nothing exciting about cleaning house or doing laundry. Do you know any mother who gets a charge out of mopping a floor? But, if she's focused on the big picture of building a home and raising her children, she can be happy even mopping the floors. She realizes it's just part of having a good, loving, stable, happy home.

What person breaks into a big grin at the prospect of getting up at 6:00 AM and going to work with some of the rudest, crudest, most unappreciative people in the world? This doesn't imply unhappy. If one's head is on straight, one is happy to have a job to go to and its many benefits for all involved for its intended purpose..

A Christian can be happy in the big picture of their life, regardless of the peripheral details. One knows this life is not all there is; happiness here is temporary, but can be relevant knowing one is destined for a place of eternal happiness. Keep that in your mind and you can maintain an abiding happiness when most people are groping around for some elusive, fleeting feeling of happiness. Look for it in Christ (Eph 3:17)!

~ Author Unknown

