



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

TO DO LIST

1. Spend time with Jesus
Psalm 27:8.
2. Let Him prioritize my day
Matthew 6:33.
3. Pray instead of worrying
Philippians 4:6.
4. Be honest about my sins-
James 4:10.
5. Think of others
Philippians 2:3-4.
6. Wait patiently for God to act
Psalm 27:14.
7. Be willing to do hard stuff
Matthew 16:24.
8. Read God's Word
Psalm 119:9-16.
9. Do what it says
James 1:22
10. Let Christ lead me
Matthew 11:29.

10 Ways To Love

Listen
WITHOUT INTERRUPTING

Speak
WITHOUT ACCUSING

Give
WITHOUT SPARING

Pray
WITHOUT CEASING

Answer
WITHOUT ARGUING

Share
WITHOUT PRETENDING

Enjoy
WITHOUT COMPLAINING

Trust
WITHOUT WAVERING

Forgive
WITHOUT PUNISHING

Promise
WITHOUT FORGETTING



Continuous PRAYERS

Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Cloud, 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)
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)

Updates & Announcements

- [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 (**S**unday, 17 **A**pr 22 @ 09:30 **A**M): Book of **C**olossians 1:9 - 23
- [3] **L**adies **B**ible **C**lass (Every **W**ednesdays in **A**pril @ 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM): conducted virtually [**D**uncanville]
- [4] **M**other's **D**ay (celebrated: **S**unday, 08 **M**ay 22): 1st Day of Awareness: 1908



Mack & Carolyn Cloud [21]



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

THE NATURE OF WORSHIP

John 4:23, 24

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth” (Jn 4:23, 24). What a train of memories Jesus’ Words evoked!! **But, the hour cometh, and now is** (the Christian Age). This will become a reality shortly and it will mark a change. **True worshippers** (those believing in, live in accordance with and WORSHIP God, their Creator. In the Christian Age (those believing in Christ and have obeyed the GOSPEL by being baptized for the remission of their sins. In addition, they are continuing to live the Christian LIFE. **In spirit** (to the Spirit of man in this context, not the Holy Spirit). True worshippers WORSHIP God sincerely motivated by their love (Jn 14:15). **In truth** (WORSHIP according to the way God Instructs). WORSHIP does not depend upon the place, but on having the correct attitude utilizing obedience. It has never been said, “Worship me any way you please.” God has always dictated to man how He is to be WORSHIPPED. The important thing is to WORSHIP to please Him, not man (Gal 1:10; 1 The 2:15; 4:1; Heb 11:6). It can only be done in both Spirit and Truth; otherwise, one’s worship will be unacceptable. Many have decided they will WORSHIP Him any way it soothe them instead of according to His Will. They will learn and others of like-mindedness, this is unacceptable (Mt 15:8, 9) and it has nothing to do with the place. He is a Spirit, not confined to one place and is able to be WORSHIPPED anywhere. No other way to WORSHIP Him (Mt 4:10).



Where is your mind when you worship?

Often it is easy to lose sight of the very nature of WORSHIP resulting in robbing us of one of God’s great and glorious BLESSINGS for us. Before READING any more further, stop and ask yourself, “Why do I come to assemble together each week” (Heb 10:25)? There may be many, but what is the fundamental, underlying one utilized each week? If you think, first in terms of, “I do it because He Commands me to”? Perhaps, you should think more about it. Did not Jesus describe those who “...draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me” (Mt 15:8)? We do WORSHIP Him because He Commands us to, but this is not the primary reason. Are we robbing ourselves of the true meaning of WORSHIP?

“Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the LORD *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods” (Psa 95:2, 3). Notice the plural pronoun. This was not a private time of praise David had in mind. It was “us” who came before Him in His Presence. We should “STAND” in AWE because this great God, who so graciously allows sinful men to come into His Presence. “...Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name. For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations” (Psal 100:1-5). These verses have been made into a song “Glory Hallelujah, Praise God!!” “For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you” (Ac 17:23).

Every aspect of WORSHIP is important, but in most acts we are actively involved. However, He has designed WORSHIP as a time, when by preaching, He would speak to us. We are in His Presence and must come with the right attitude and be motivated to “HEAR” (Rom 10:17) His Words.

It is not just “making a payment” on a heavenly insurance policy. We do not come just to OBEY Him.

WORSHIP comes from our hearts which long to PRAISE Him in His Presence. He is the audience, not us!!

~~ Author Unknown~~

