



Whispering Hills

CHURCH OF CHRIST

— GROWING TOGETHER —

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SUNDAY Gathering Times

Bible Class 09:30 AM
Morning 10:30 AM
Evening 5:00 PM

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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)

WELCOME
WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

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.

ENDURE

Never surrender, except to God

Don't let your situation get the best of you

Understand God's presence and purpose in
your life

Remain as positive as possible

Exercise your mind, body, and Spirit as
guided by the Holy Spirit

**"I can do all this through Him
who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13)**



Continuous PRAYERS

Walter Simon, Mack Cloud, Patricia Skinner,
Ron Forge, Curtis Ward, Mari Williams



Grieving:

- ◇ The Hunter **FAMILY** (Javier Rivera)
- ◇ The Bell **FAMILY** (Bobby Osbourne)

General

Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother) is hospitalized
Michael Porter (Sis Owens' 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)
Miguel Graves, Jr (friend of Bro Owens, Jr)
Mark Gray (Sis Gray's brother-in-law)
Christopher White (Sis White's son)
Chantez Thomas (Bro Williams' cousin)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

- [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, 10 **J**uly @ 09:30 **A**M): Book of **Colossians** 2:1 - 15
- [3] **Ladies Bible Class** (Every **W**ednesday in **J**uly @ 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM): conducted virtually [**Duncanville**]



- [11] James Curtis
[17] Corey Allen
[18] Barbara Birdow
[21] Arthur Busby
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- [22] Corey & Ashley Allen
[29] Julio & Joyce Gutierrez



**FOOD FOR
THOUGHT**

The Power Of Surrender

God takes care of His Children. “Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work:” (2 Cor 9:7, 8). By giving as one ought, God blesses in all graces; giving willingly and cheerfully to the Lord, one will be able to help in every good work. As Christians, we are saved by the power of God to serve (Rom 1:16).

From a Biblical Perspective, power is given to those who surrender. This is a common theme in so many of our favorite Bible Illustrations. From the crossing of the Red Sea under the leadership of Moses to David’s victory over Goliath. Ultimately, FAITH is trusting God to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. When Paul could hardly see past his infirmity of the flesh, he prayed to the Lord three times hearing the Lord answer him, saying, “**My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness...**” (2 Cor 12:9). His conclusion regarding all sorts of difficulties suffered for Christ’s sake: “...when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Cor 12:10). Peter reveals a similar conclusion, “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you” (1 Pet 5:6, 7).

In order for a Christian to be faithful unto death, one must be strengthened in the Lord by putting on the armor of God (Eph 6:13). This is every Christian’s responsibility. God will aid in the strength of His Might. David said “...encouraged himself in the LORD his God” (1 Sam 30:6). The same thought (1 Cor 16:13) although the expression “in the Lord” is not mentioned. “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,” (Eph 3:20). The mighty power of God has already been mentioned in Paul’s epistle (Eph 1:19, 20; 2:1; 3:16).

“For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself” (Php 3:20, 21). The Philippians sought to live like Romans in every way. The Christian’s citizenship is in heaven. One must live like citizens of heaven, which is to live like Jesus by following His Teachings (Heb 5:9). One seeks to do right keeping oneself unspotted from the world and look forward to the 2nd Coming of Jesus (1 Cor 1:7; Col 3:4). When He returns, we shall meet him in the air (1 The 4:13-18). At the present time, the Spirit of Christians is becoming more and more like Christ living the Christian life. The fleshly body is adapted to the present world; subject to change, decay, weakness, illness and death. When Jesus returns, He will give us a body like unto His Glorified Body: change from a natural to a Spiritual body (1 Cor 15:35-58). The great glory of a Christian is not at death; but the 2nd Coming of Jesus and the resurrection from the dead. How can bodies having been dead for centuries, decayed into dust, burned with fire or eaten by sea creatures be changed into Spiritual bodies? God who created man in the beginning will give man a Spiritual body at the resurrection. Our God is able!

Surrender hardly seems powerful. The concept is counter-intuitive. Surely, we have to be in charge (control) and on top of things! This is power. But, is it? And, how enduring is such power? We know of those who once were on top of things only to have things crumble and fall apart because of unforeseen circumstances or moral weaknesses. Many have worn this as their caption “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling” (Pro 16:18). One does not have to be among the politically elite or the rich and famous to wear this label. It is as common as our failure to surrender—our failure to acknowledge the Creator and yield to His will. Someone has said, “You are only as strong as your willingness to surrender.”

In the final analysis, we are but flesh. We must come to know that “the Lord Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves...” (Psa 100:3). Any power we possess comes from this acknowledgement and our corresponding surrender to Him. “Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might” (Eph 6:10).

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