



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.

Before Making a Decision...

Pray about everything
Philippians 4:6-7

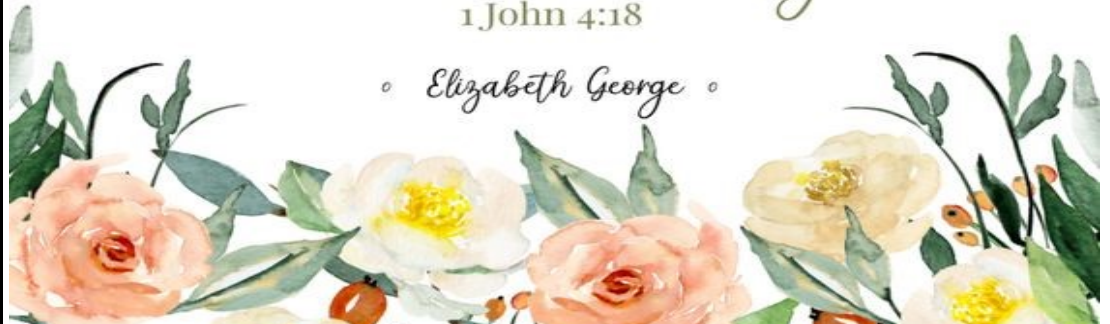
When in doubt, don't
Romans 14:23

Ask "What does the Bible say?"
John 17:17

Do what you know is right
James 4:14

Don't let fear influence you
1 John 4:18

◦ Elizabeth George ◦





Continuous PRAYERS

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



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)
Julio Gutierrez (Sis Gutierrez's husband)
Mattie Stafford (*former member*)

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, 21 **A**ugust @ 09:30 **A**M): Book of **C**olossians 3:1 - 25
- [3] **L**adies **B**ible **C**lass (Every **W**ednesday in **A**ugust @ 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM): conducted virtually [**D**uncanville]
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[28] Jerline Bell

- [24] Charles & Barbara Birdow
[24] James R. & Christina Jones
[24] Santos & Marie Spataro



**FOOD FOR
THOUGHT**

WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING

Probably the easiest time for most of us to be faithful is when we are surrounded by those of “like precious faith” (2 Pet 1:1). The Apostle Peter refers to himself by his old name, Simon and the name given by Jesus, Peter. He is a servant (bondservant or slave) of Jesus Christ. Writing to the same people (Christians) to whom he has previously written (2 Pet 3:1). Referring to them as those having a like precious faith (being equally precious) and obtained (they had not earned nor deserved it) as the Apostle Paul spoke concerning the gospel (Gal 1:23). It was provided by the righteousness of Jesus Christ (impartial justice of God). Having not respect of persons with God. He is just and right in His dealings with men. Jesus is being referred here as God and Savior showing He is divine and the redeemer of mankind.

When attending the WORSHIP to God, it is easy to be faithful because others around us are faithful. Easy to do what everyone around you is doing. The true test of the faithful Christian is: “Are you faithful when no one is looking?” That is to say, “Are we faithful when our Christian peers are not looking?” An absolute true test of a Christian’s dedication is the desire to be faithful when no one else around demonstrates these qualities.

Do you remember the story of Joseph and how he was sold into Egyptian bondage? He had found grace in the eyes of Potiphar and was put in charge of his whole house (Gen 39:4). Over the process of time, Potiphar’s wife had been looking on him desiring to have extraordinary relations (Gen 39:7). Constantly propositioning him, but notice how he reacted to her advances, “How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?” (Gen 39:9). He could have consented to her propositions and no one would have known; but, he was dedicated to God and committed to be faithful even when no one was looking.

Another example of faithfulness is seen in the life of Daniel. As a young man, he was taken into Babylonian captivity and selected to be servants in the king’s palace and fed provisions from the king’s meat and wine. But consider seriously Daniel’s reaction – “Daniel purposed in his heart not to defile himself with the portion of the king’s meat, nor with the wine which he drank” (Dan 1:8). The food they were serving, in some way, was unclean according to the Law of Moses. Daniel refused to eat what would defile his body. Consider this: he was in a strange place, around strange people; yet, had the courage and dedication to be faithful to God. He was young and could have easily given in, for there was no one looking; but, he did not care who was or was not looking; he was going to be faithful to God.

Today, we are all going to be confronted with situations similar to that of Joseph and Daniel. To be in a unique position of making choices. Are we going to be faithful, even when no one is looking? When we go on vacation will we take the time to WORSHIP God on Sunday – even though no one is looking? Do we ever find ourselves doing wrong, when no one is looking? Do you have secret habits you engage in only when no one is looking? How do you act, how do you talk, when you are not around your faithful brethren? Consider these sobering words of Paul. “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him” (Col 3:17). Notice, “In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel” (Rom 2:16). Paul declares the judgment day (Rom 2:5). God will judge not only the works of men, but also their secrets. This would include secret actions and thoughts. Things no one else knows, except God. Paul points out this judgment will be by Christ our Saviour, a thought taught in the New Testament (means He will be the judge and will judge fairly and equally). He had just wrote the Gentiles will be judged without the law, the Jews by the law and all people in the Christian dispensation by the gospel. The point is Jews and Gentiles will be judged fairly and equally (2 Tim 4:7, 8).

Be aware of this, there is One ALWAYS looking and aware of our actions and thoughts: the Almighty God! He declares, “For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes” (Jer 16:17). “Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD” (Jer 23:24). Are you being faithful when no one is looking? “So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;” (Php 2:12).

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