



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)



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.

MORE JESUS

LESS COMPLAINING

LESS SELFISHNESS

LESS BITTERNESS

LESS DRAMA

LESS ANGER

LESS PRIDE

LESS ME



Continuous PRAYERS

Walter Simon, Mack Cloud, Ron Forge, Pat Harper, Patricia Skinner, Mari Williams, Santos Spataro



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*)
 Claudia Springer (Sis Williams' sister)

**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** (Sunday, 16 October @ 09:30 AM): Book of Colossians 3:18 - 25
- [3] Ladies Bible Class (Every Wednesday in October @ 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM): conducted virtually [Duncanville]



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*



- [18] Christina Jones
- [23] Ann Busby
- [23] Santos Spataro
- [29] Elvin Bell

- [18] Mark & Darlene Sikes



**FOOD FOR
THOUGHT**

Show Them Jesus

As we begin our discussion from the pages of the Old Testament, we see Isaiah's prediction of deliverance for the people of Israel beginning with a recognition of the supremacy of the Lord over the false gods of the nations (Isa 46:1-4). Bel and Nebo were the two most prominent deities in the Babylonian religious system. Bel is a derivative of Baal and signifies Marduk, the patron deity of Babylon; Nebo, his son. The description of their idols being carried away on beasts and carriages may have reference to the attempt of the Babylonian people to flee from the coming Persian conquest. Whereas the heathen had to carry their gods, Jehovah [God] carried His People. Isaiah wrote this prior to the Babylonian captivity. His purpose is to cause the Israelites not to be swept away with the gods of Babylon, but to recognize they shall be taken into captivity. Perhaps, it is difficult for us to imagine the tremendous pressure for the Jews to forsake God and accept these gods of their conquerors. Isaiah declares these gods, themselves, shall also fail to deliver their people. "And even to your old age I *am* he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver *you*" (Isa 46:4).

The story is told of a little, handicapped boy sent to the store by his mother to get some groceries. His arms were heavily loaded as he struggled carrying the selected items. As he was maneuvering out the door, holding it open by his purchased bags, a man rushed in brushing him aside, knocking him to the floor and scattering all he had obtained, including eggs, now broken. All the man offered by way of explanation was: "Don't stand in the way, boy!" Just then, another man, who witnessed the selfish and brutish behavior, came to the boy's rescue. He went inside, got two new bags along with some eggs helped him pick up his groceries. Then, drove him home. As they were riding along, the boy said, "Mister, are you Jesus?"

People can see Jesus in many ways. But, perhaps, none so effective as through the life of a loving disciple. Our mission is to seek and save the lost (Lk 19:10). Accomplishing our mission involves introducing people to Jesus. This postscript illustrates the mission of Jesus. He came to seek and save the lost. There are basic principles every Christian needs to remember and walk in His Steps by being soul winners. Everyone who is not a Christian is a prospect for Christ. Look for opportunities to lead the lost to Jesus (Gal 6:9, 10). What a blessing it is the Lord is willing to be our guest! Ensure He is welcomed to the guestroom of our heart. Stand to serve Him. He brings salvation for all. At a feast in Jerusalem, a group of Greeks approached Philip with a simple request. They said, "...saying, Sir, we would see Jesus" (Jn 12:21). Jesus no longer walks the dusty roads of Palestine. But, we still introduce people to Him through His Word and through our personal example. Surely, we will want to share our good fortune with others (1 Cor 11:1)!

Before we can be effective in outreach, we must, first, apply His Teachings to our own lives. Our love for God and others opens doors for outreach (Mt 22:37-39). Often people see our example before we can open the Bible and share His Word. Both avenues are essential for consistent church growth. Peter says, "Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by *your* good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation" (1 Pet 2:12). Our desires ultimately rule our prayers and life. We must therefore keep them above all else, for out of the heart are the issues of life. These are reminiscent of Christ's own words in the Sermon on the Mount when He said, "**Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven**" (Mt 5:16). One's intent is not to impress men, but to please God (Gal 1:10). This type of life brings glory to God. This is characterized by loving God (Rom 8:28; 1 Jn 5:2) resulting in keeping His Commandments motivated by love (Jn 14:15). What the world needs now are shining lights pointing the way to Jesus. Are you willing?

