



# 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

### Leadership

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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.

## God Can Do It

Let these truths encourage you today:

- There is no problem so big that God cannot solve it.
- There is no promise too hard for God to fulfill.
- There is no prayer too small for God to answer.
- There is no disease that God cannot heal.
- There is no heart God cannot mend.
- There is no relationship that God cannot restore.
- There is no person God cannot save.
- There is no chaos from which God cannot bring peace.
- There is no pain that God cannot redeem.
- There is no sin that God cannot forgive.
- There is no bondage God cannot break.
- There is no need God cannot meet.
- There is no enemy that God cannot defeat.
- There is no mountain God cannot move.

**God is good, He does good and He wants to do good things in YOUR life because He loves you!**

*"Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours" (1 Chronicles 29:11).*



### Continuous PRAYERS

Walter Simon, Mack Cloud, Ron Forge, Pat Harper,  
Patricia Skinner



### General

Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother)  
Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brother)  
Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsay's daughter)  
Wesley Pollard (Bro/Sis Simon's brother-in-law)  
Baltimore Hernandez (Bro Spataro's brother-in-law)  
Miguel Graves, Jr (friend of Bro Owens, Jr)  
Christopher White (Sis White's son)  
Chantez Thomas (Bro Williams' cousin)  
Claudia Springer (Sis Williams' sister)  
Zaira Arteaga (Bro Ramsay's daughter friend)

# 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, **25** **D**ecember @ 09:30 **A**M): Book of **H**ebrews 2:10 - 18
- [3] **L**adies **B**ible **C**lass (Every **W**ednesday in **D**ecember @ 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM): conducted virtually [**D**uncanville]
- [4] **F**ederal **H**oliday: **N**ew **Y**ear's (**S**unday, **J**anuary 01, 2023)



- [25] Nicholas Lee
- [29] Lorena Hunter
- [31] Bebe Kay



**FOOD FOR  
THOUGHT**

# Perfect Peace

The Bible speaks about “Peace Through Steadfast Trust” and we must honor these words on a daily basis. “Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose mind is stayed on thee*: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH *is* everlasting strength:” (Isa 26:3, 4). Notice, one of God’s double doors against the intrusion on the soul of a single note of alarm or fear. The original fate of Babylon is delineated (Isa 26:5, 6); but with what glowing words does the prophet dwell on the blessedness of those who are fellow-citizens with the Saints and of the Household of God (Eph 2:19).

When feeling distracted to the point where maintaining Spiritual focus gets difficult, we must be all the more diligent to keep our trust firmly planted in the Lord. Daily renewal is that process whereby we refocus our minds and unite our hearts to give Jesus first place in our lives (Psa 86:11; Rom 12:1, 2; Col 1:18; 3:2). Far more important than a morning cup of coffee or a good breakfast is listening to God speak to us through His Word and laying our burdens down before His Throne in PRAYER.

We are encouraged by this promise of God (Isa 26:3). The promise that “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace” literally reads “peace, peace”. This double emphasis indicates a peace that goes beyond human comprehension. To have one’s “mind...stayed” is “to lean upon or to be sustained” is used in parallel with trusteth, indicating when one does trust the LORD totally, one will lean upon Him entirely and be sustained by Him alone. God’s great promise is those who will put their trust in Him shall be completely secure. That Spiritual stability mitigates against mental instability is the constant promise of God throughout the Scripture. A mind anchored to the everlasting Rock is not easily shaken from its foundation (Isa 26:4). This is because such a heart is filled with a peace the world cannot provide (Jn 14:27). The successive repetition of “peace” (*shalom*) in the original text is reflected in our translations by the expression, “perfect peace”.

Worries distract us from trusting in God. But, the steadfast of mind are fully assured of the Father’s abiding care. Rather than becoming distracted by the everyday concerns of life, Jesus teaches us to “seek first His kingdom and His righteousness” allowing tomorrow to take care of itself (Mt 6:33, 34).

Focus is everything. When Peter was walking on water, he was distracted by the wind and the waves. As a result, he lost sight of Jesus and began to sink (Mt 14:28-30). Similarly, we are distracted when we take our eyes off Jesus (Heb 12:2). Peter is the inspired apostle who later encourages us to cast “...all our anxiety [care] on Him...” (1 Pet 5:7). In laying our burden down at the feet of our Lord, our focus is regained and balance restored. Peace becomes no longer an impossible dream, but a present reality. We would be hard-pressed to find a greater blessing in life than the perfect peace afforded to those who trust in the Lord!

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Isaiah 26:3 (KJV)

