



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.

Godly Tips

Submitting to God

- 1 Have a humble heart. Recognise that you were brought on earth by God and your life belongs to Him.
- 2 Learn to trust God with your life. Your life has been predestined therefore, God knows where you need to go.
- 3 Although, you have the free will to make your own choices, you are a flawed human being who will make mistakes. So, allow God to direct your steps. His plans are perfect and holy.
- 4 Submitting to God is a daily choice. It is choosing God over your flesh. So, before doing anything think whether it is honouring God or your flesh.

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Continuous PRAYERS

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



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, 08 **J**anuary @ 09:30 **A**M): Book of **H**ebrews 3:1 - 19
- [3] **L**adies **B**ible **C**lass (Every **W**ednesday in **J**anuary @ 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM): conducted virtually [Duncanville]
- [4] **F**ederal **H**oliday: **M**artin **L.** **K**ing (**M**onday, **J**anuary 16, 2023)
- [5] **D**on **Z**eno was home sick with congestion; now hospitalized in the Emergency Room and non-responsive [04 Jan]



January

Karen Lee [09]
 Mark Sikes [17]



**FOOD FOR
THOUGHT**

How Do I Experience God?

The population of this world often runs through their routines without acknowledging the importance of the presence and activity of God. Perhaps that very reality is the most unsettling truth of all. Even those who claim to be religious will buffer it by saying they are “non-practicing” — the equivalent of having a gym membership, but not going. Like a bullet train passing through city buildings, so too the pursuits of man blaze past monuments that are intrinsic to the Mighty Creator. So, we are faced with a dilemma; and that dilemma revolves around the inquiry of how man can encounter God. Consider Psalm 136 as a remedy for such a very relevant conundrum.

God can be experienced in the following fashions:

Creation (Psa 136:4-6) — In this beautifully composed Psalm, the participant of praise is directing to God’s work in creation. We are to give thanks to Him who “...alone doeth great wonders...” (Psa 72:18) who “...by wisdom made the heavens...” (Pro 3:19; Eph 1:11) and who “...stretched out the earth above the waters...” (Psa 24:2; Isa 42:5; 44:24). Ceasing our motion of pursuit, we come to a position of observation. Looking, hearing, smelling, feeling and even tasting aspects of creation bring about a natural progression of looking to the Creator. One of the most obvious places to look when seeking God is the world, we live in (Rom 1:20).

Deliverance (Psa 136:10-15) — After graduating from a simple observation of God’s Omnipresence Power, we tend to understand the magnitude of experiencing His Power. The ONE worthy of our thanks is Him who “...brought out Israel from among them...” (Exo 12:51; 14:19-31). “With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm...” (Exo 6:6; Deu 7:8, 19; Neh 1:10). The Psalmist gives thanks “To him which divideth the Red sea into parts...” (Exo 14:21). “And made Israel to pass through the midst of it...” (Exo 14:22, 29; 15:19). “But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea...” (Exo 14:27, 28; 15:1-10). So mighty is Jehovah God that He was responsible for bringing down the most powerful monarch in the world as a giant oak would shake off its leaves in the breeze. Such is the case for our deliverance in this life. Can you recall all the ways that God has delivered you? Brought you out or through a situation? For the Israelites, Egypt was ever-present on their hearts. What is your Egypt? What did God save you from?

Prosperity (Psa 136:16-22) — The Exodus from Egyptian bondage by no means concluded the mercy of God on behalf of Israel. Thanksgiving is to be given “To him which led his people through the wilderness...” (Exo 13:20-22; 40:36-38; Deu 8:15). King Sihon and King Og were two of the most mighty kings who stood in the way of Israel’s successful entrance to the Promised Land. Still, they were no match for the God whose “...mercy endureth forever”. Thus, He “...gave their land for a heritage unto Israel...” (Jos 12:1-6) the nation chosen son and servant of Jehovah. The easy highway to travel in this life is one of victimhood. Blaming, whining and criticizing are all actions demonstrating ingratitude. It is impossible to speak words of grumbling synonymously with an attitude of gratitude. Letting the sorrows of life completely veil the blessings is a way that God can be hidden from the sight of man. But when we remain constant and consistent in thanksgiving, God is more present in our LIFE.

Love (Psa 136:23-26) — Enough reasons have already been given why Israel should give thanks unto God; nevertheless, the Psalmist poetically finds one more avenue to describe the mercy of the LORD which endures forever proclaiming the wonder of God. When the Psalmist recalls the great GRACE of God and the infinite, enduring mercy of Jehovah, he can only conclude his thoughts by saying, “O give thanks unto the God of heaven...” This particular name for Jehovah is found no place else in the Psalms. It is little wonder, then, why the Psalmist found it appropriate to repeat some 26 times the refrain, “...for his mercy endureth forever”. The selflessness, care, blessing, patience, endurance and foresight of God all bolster the love inviting as well as surpassing the capacity of the human mind. Find those who are *truly* living the life of a Christian, not those who are just wear the title; far too many wear “Christian” as a toll pass to get by. Associate yourself with the authentic Christian and you will see how the love of God vicariously works through humanity. It is through God’s love we fully experience His Appealing and Enticing Presence.

