



# 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)



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.

## 5 Tools for When Temptation Strikes

When we find ourselves tempted or lacking contentment, rely on one of these 5 tools in battle:

**1. Quote scripture.** Satan tempted Jesus three times, and each time Jesus responded to him by saying, "It is written..." and used Scripture to stand against the enemy's temptation.

**2. Pray and ask God for His help, and**

**3. Thank God in advance for His help.**

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7 NIV).

**4. Maintain a positive mindset.** "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things" (Philippians 4:8 NIV).

**5. Rely on God's strength instead of our own.** "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:12-13 NIV).



### Continuous PRAYERS

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



### General

Greg Owens (Bro 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)  
Keene Guilbeau (Sis Wilson's brother-in-law)  
Ronnie Anderson (Bro Owens' friend)  
LeCreshia Phillips (Bro Ramsay's friend)  
Maegan Calvin (Bro Cloud's granddaughter)

## 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, 05 February @ 09:30 AM**): Book of **Hebrews** 3:7 - 19
- [3] **Ladies Bible Class** (Every **Wednesday** in **February @ 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM**): conducted virtually [Duncanville]
- [4] **Day of Recognition: Valentine's Day** (**Tuesday, February 14, 2023**)
- [5] **Federal Holiday: President's Day** (**Monday, February 20, 2023**)
- [6] **Bro Don Zeno** is released from the hospital and has been admitted into a rehabilitation center [29 Jan]
- [7] **Maegan Calvin** (Bro Cloud's granddaughter) had a stint put in; there are **NO** signs of infection [29 Jan]
- [8] **Bro & Sis Bell** are under the weather; hope to see them again soon [29 Jan]
- [9] **Sis Glasker** fell and hurt her leg; currently on crutches; hoping for a speedy recovery [29 Jan]



HELLO  
**February**

[14] Darlene Sikes  
[20] Ricqui Brager  
[22] Mari Williams

[18] Kevin and Mari Williams



**FOOD FOR  
THOUGHT**

## Blessed Are They Which Do Hunger And Thirst

The Bible says unto us, “**Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled**” (Mt 5:6). **Hunger and thirst** are two of the strongest drives in a person. When one is in this state of reality, these dominate the thinking. Jesus says blessed is the one who has an intense desire to do right. When the most important thing in one’s life is to do right in the sight of God, one will be most richly blessed to be able and willing to enjoy the happiness that comes from the result of doing God’s Will accordingly.

There are many doors into the life of blessedness.

- It does not depend on outward possessions, such as worldly goods or high birth.
- There is no soul of man, however illiterate, lonely or poor, that may not step suddenly into this life of beatitude and begin to drink of the river that makes glad the city of God.

Our Lord *lived* this life before He described it. He has opened the doors for us. If you cannot enter by the gate of purity, can you not come in by that which is reserved for those who hunger and thirst?

Here is our next building block to a relationship with God. Each beatitude is built on the prior one.

- If you don’t recognize your spiritual poverty, you will never mourn over sin.
- If you never mourn over sin, pride will keep you from humbling yourself to allow God to take the lead.
- If you never allow Him to lead, you will never develop a hunger and thirst for that continual relationship with our Lord.

Are you thirsty? What’s your Favorite drink? For just one minute, I want you to picture whatever that drink is in your mind. It could be ice cold or maybe even hot! It could be soda, tea, water or coffee. Personally, I’ll take an ice-cold Coke Zero, please.

Has there ever been a time where you were just so parched and flat out dying of thirst that no matter what you had to do or how fast you needed to go you were going to get that drink? In South Africa, I’ve heard that you can sometimes see deer defying lions in order to drink at the river. Their thirst will not be denied. They must have a drink of water or they will die!

In our own lives, there will be starvation and thirst unless we have a continual intake of the Spiritual. This includes the Word of God; prayer and fellowship with other Christians. But the real question, we should ask ourselves, is how thirsty are we?

The Apostle Peter says...“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: (1 Pet 5:8)? Christians must always be alert and watchful. The devil is always looking for ways to lead one to sin. **Adversary** is an opponent in a lawsuit; an enemy/opponent such as in this context. **Devil** means slanderer/false accuser. As a serpent, deceived Eve (Gen 3:4-6; 1 Tim 2:14). Described **as a roaring lion** to indicate his strength; always actively evaluating how to cause a Christian to be lost. Unable to force his will; but can entice, destroy and lie to achieve his overall intentions to lead astray.

- Are we thirsty enough to defy that old lion, the devil (Mt 13:39; Eph 4:27; 6:11; 2 Tim 2:26; 1 Jn 3:10)
- Are we thirsty enough to do more than go to worship on Sunday (Ac 20:7; 1 Cor 16:1, 2; Heb 10:25)?
- Are we thirsty enough to wake up daily, spend time in prayer and studying God’s Word (2 Tim 2:15)?
- Are we thirsty enough to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow (Mt 16:24; Mk 8:34; Lk 9:23)?

We must be thirsty Christians. Not for earthy water, but living water (Jn 4:10; 7:38). Thirsty for Christ, His Teachings, His Example and His WORD. This should be our thirst! Remember that favorite drink discussed earlier and there’s times we wanted it so bad we could taste it? We need that same mindset about Heaven: I want Heaven so bad I can taste it! I want to spend eternity with Jesus so bad I can taste it! We need to be Thirsty Christians and be starved for righteousness on a daily basis (Rom 6:13, 16, 18; Eph 4:24; 1 Jn 2:29)!!

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