



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.

D.E.C.L.A.R.E.

WHEN WE DECLARE GOD'S WORD OVER OUR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF OUR LOVED ONES, WE ARE CHOOSING TO AGREE WITH THE UNMATCHED POWER OF GOD'S WORD, POKING HOLES IN THE DARK CLOAK SURROUNDING US.

D - DEVELOPS A SHIELD

2 SAMUEL 22:31 | PSALM 119:114 | ISAIAH 25:4

E - EXPRESSES EVERLASTING PRINCIPLES

ISAIAH 40:8 | ISAIAH 55:11 | JEREMIAH 1:12

C - CLEANSSES THE CLUTTER

JOHN 17:17 | HEBREWS 4:12 | 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

L - LIGHTS THE WAY FOR WISDOM

PSALM 119:130 | PSALM 119:105 | JOHN 16:13

A - ACTIVATES FAITH / ACCESSES GOD'S PROMISES

ROMANS 10:17 | HEBREWS 11:1 | PROVERBS 18:20

R - RELEASES HEAVEN ON EARTH

EZEKIEL 37:4-5 | MATTHEW 6:9-10 | ROMANS 4:17

E - EXHALES EXALTATION AND GRATITUDE

HEBREWS 13:15 | PSALM 50:23 | PSALM 34:1

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Continuous PRAYERS

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



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, 12 February @ 09:30 AM**): Book of **Hebrews** 4:1 - 10
- [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] **Sis Glaster** did **NOT** fall when she hurt her knee; she has acknowledged to be feeling better [09 Feb]
- [7] **Sis William's** surgery went well and is scheduled to be discharged from the hospital on Saturday, 11 Feb 23 [09 Feb]



HELLO
February

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

[18] Kevin and Mari Williams



**FOOD FOR
THOUGHT**

Blessed Are The Merciful, For They Shall Obtain Mercy

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus states the Spiritual character and qualities of the kingdom He will once and for all establish. The Bible says, “**Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy**” (Mt 5:7).

Mercy implies compassion. Defined as "compassionate or kindly forbearance shown toward an offender, an enemy or other person in one's power; compassion, pity or benevolence" [Dictionary.com]. The merciful are those who pity, sympathize with others and help to relieve all misery and suffering. This is the natural outward expression of the inner hungering after righteousness. This is love in action. It includes being forgiven. The merciful forgives those who sin against them. The Christian is to show mercy because one has received it and if one does not show mercy, God, in return, will not show mercy. But let's be honest with one another, many times mercy is contrary to our human nature. Who is definitely not guilty of this? We can be a habitual grudge holder who wants to strike back twice as hard as what was throw at us!! This is an epic failure!!

The Apostle Paul says, "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Rom 12:19). Christians are not to avenge themselves in personal wrongs; this is forbidden because this is God's right. Taking matters into one's own hands against that which is God's right alone is the worst of ungodliness. God will punish the wicked (Deu 32:35). He has the right, the power, the wisdom and the judgment that no man has. The wrath of God refers to God's attribute that the wicked will be punished. This is the verse we can turn to in order to remind us that the Lord has his hands on everything. And we can ask ourselves, what is our wrath compared to that of the almighty father?

James says, "For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment" (Jas 2:13). In this context, **mercy** means the right attitude toward the poor. The larger teaching of this verse is seen in the parable of the unjust steward (Mt 18:23-35). It is also seen in the teaching of Jesus on forgiveness (Mt 6:14-15). **Mercy glorieth against judgment** means mercy will triumph over judgment. The Christian who is merciful can face the judgment with confidence. When we think of all of the mercy and compassion we have been shown through our lifetime of sins, how can we not show compassion to others? We should reflect on the concept of how mercy triumphs over judgment. Even when judgment feels like the natural reaction — mercy wins!! The Christian is to show mercy because one has received it!!

Let's close in the book of Ephesians. "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us," (Eph 2:4). All men have sinned and deserve to be punished by God (Rom 3:10, 23; 6:23). Men are saved because God is **Rich in mercy** means overflowing in mercy. God has a tender, yearning feeling toward men who are lost in sin. The other attribute which motivated God in saving lost mankind is his great love. Let's not forget, **Love** is mercy in action. **His great love** is a deep, personal interest in the lives of men motivated to act in their behalf. When this love is directed toward sinners who need to be punished, but instead God is willing to save them who are obedient, it is called mercy. God loved men when they did not deserve to be loved and provided the means whereby they could be saved (Heb 5:8, 9).

Our father in heaven has a tremendous love for all of us! The challenge is to show that same love to others (Jn 13:34, 35) as we go throughout our life; react with mercy even when it conflicts with our human nature.

~~ Author Unknown ~~

BE MERCIFUL
AS YOUR FATHER IS MERCIFUL

Luke 6:36

