



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.

ENDURE

Never surrender, except to God

Don't let your situation get the best of you

Understand God's presence and purpose in your life

Remain as positive as possible

Exercise your mind, body, and Spirit as guided by the Holy Spirit

"I can do all this through Him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13)



Continuous PRAYERS

Walter Simon, Mack Cloud, Ron Forge, Pat Harper, 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)
 Ronnie Anderson (Bro Owens' friend)
 LeCreshia Phillips (Bro Ramsay's 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, 26 **F**ebruary @ 09:30 **A**M): Book of **H**ebrews 4:11 - 16
- [3] **L**adies **B**ible **C**lass (Every **W**ednesday in **F**ebruary @ 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM): conducted virtually [Duncanville]
- [4] **D**ay of **R**ecognition: **D**aylight **S**avings **T**ime (**S**unday, **M**arch 12, 2023 @ 02:00 AM) [Spring forward **1** hour]



HELLO **February**

...looking forward to March 2023

for additional *anniversaries & birthdays...*



**FOOD FOR
THOUGHT**

The Power Of Surrender

In order for a Christian to be faithful unto death, one must strengthen oneself in the Lord. This is done as one puts on the armor of God. It is the Christian's responsibility to put on this armor. When putting on this armor, God will aid in the strength of his might. David said "strengthened himself in the Lord his God" (1 Sam 30:6). The same thought (1 Cor 16:13) although the expression "in the Lord" is not mentioned. The mighty power of God is already mentioned in this epistle (Eph 1:19-20; 2:1; 3:16). God is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself (Php 3:20, 21). Philippi was a Roman colony. They sought to live like Romans in every way. The Christian's citizenship is in heaven. We must live like citizens of heaven. They live like Jesus by following His teachings. Seeking to do right and keep themselves unspotted from the world. They are looking forward to the 2nd Coming of Jesus (1 Cor 1:7; Col 3:4). When Jesus comes, Christians will meet him in the air (1 The 4:13-18). At the present time the spirit of Christians is becoming more and more like Christ as they live the Christian life. **The body of our humiliation** is man's physical body. This body is of flesh and blood. **Vile** in the 16th century meant worthless or valueless. The fleshly body is adapted to the present world; but, it is subject to change, decay, weakness, illness and death. When Jesus comes, He will give Christians a body like unto His glorified one; changing from a natural body to a Spiritual body is described (1 Cor 15:35-58). Christians in glory will be a Spirit in a Spiritual body (1 Cor 15:50-55). The great glory of a Christian is not at death; but glorious the immediate state might be. This great glory is at the 2nd Coming of Jesus and the resurrection from the dead; when Christians receive their Spiritual body. How can bodies which have been dead for centuries, decayed into dust, burned with fire or eaten by sea creatures be changed into Spiritual bodies? The Apostle Paul answers **according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself**. God who created man in the beginning will give man a spiritual body at the resurrection (1 Cor 15:35-58). Our God is able!

From a Biblical Perspective, power is given to those who surrender. This is a common theme in so many of our favorite Bible Illustrations. From the crossing of the Red Sea under the leadership of Moses to David's victory over Goliath. Ultimately, faith is trusting God to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. When Paul could hardly see past his infirmity of the flesh, he prayed to the Lord three times and heard the Lord answer, saying, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness" (2 Cor 12:9). Concluded regarding all sorts of difficulties suffered for Christ's sake was this: "when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor 12:10). The Apostle Peter concludes, "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you" (1 Pet 5:6, 7).

Surrender hardly seems powerful. The concept is counter-intuitive. Surely, we have to be in charge—in control and on top of things! This is power. But, is it really? And, how enduring is such power? We can all think of those who once were on top of things only to have things crumble, fall apart because of the unforeseen or unknown circumstances of moral weaknesses. Many have worn this phrase as their epitaph: "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling" (Pro 16:18). One does not have to be among the politically elite or the rich and famous to wear this label. It is as common as our failure to surrender—to acknowledge the Creator and yield to His will. Someone has said, "You are only as strong as your willingness to surrender."

In the final analysis, we are but flesh. We must come to know that "the Lord Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves..." (Psa 100:3). Any power we possess comes from this acknowledgement and our corresponding surrender to Him. "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might" (Eph 6:10).

