



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)



Our goal is to **WORSHIP** God according to His Will just as the Christians in the 1st Century (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.

DYING TO SELF

Source Unknown

When you are forgotten or neglected and you don't hurt with the insult, but your heart is happy—that is dying to self.

When your advice is disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart, and take it all in patient, loving silence—that is dying to self.

When you lovingly and patiently bear disorder, irregularity, tardiness, and annoyance...and endure it as Jesus endured it—that is dying to self.

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation or record your own good works, or itch for praise after an accomplishment, when you can truly love to be unknown... that is dying to self.

When you can see your brother or sister prosper and can honestly rejoice with him, and feel no envy even though your needs are greater—that is dying to self.

When you are content with any food, any offering, any raiment, any climate, or any society—that is dying to self.

When you can take correction, when you can humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, with no rebellion or resentment rising up within your heart—that is dying to self.



Continuous PRAYERS

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



General

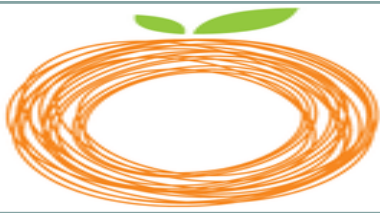
Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother)
Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsay's daughter)
Wesley Pollard (Bro/Sis Simon's brother-in-law)
Baltimore Hernandez (Bro Spataro's brother-in-law)
Miguel Graves, Jr (*friend of Bro Owens, Jr*)
Christopher White (Sis White's son)
Chantez Thomas (Bro Williams' cousin)
Claudia Springer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

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] **B**IBLE **S**TUDY (**S**unday, 12 **M**arch @ 09:30 AM): Book of **H**ebrews 4:11 - 16
- [3] **L**adies **B**ible **C**lass (Every **W**ednesday in **M**arch @ 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]
- [5] WHCC welcomes: **B**ro Johnny R. Runnels & **S**is Brenda Shell, who placed membership last Lord's Day [05 Mar]



- [12] Joe Erwin
- [15] Amanda Hunter
- [16] Patricia Hunter
- [18] Pat White
- [19] Brenda Shell
- [22] Joyce Gutierrez
- [26] Walter Simon



food for thought

LET GO OF SELF-WILL

The Apostle Paul shares a passage from the Old Testament (Psa 44:22), "As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Rom 8:36, 37). He is making his closing argument about there not be any separation from the LOVE of Christ. This shows how believers are dear to God because they are in Christ; their every need has been anticipated and provided for; their guilt has been canceled with provisions being made for their holy and victorious character. The Holy Spirit is in and with them forever because sin is under their feet and heaven over their heads. What, then, have they to fear?

Paul was referencing during the time of the Babylonian captivity when the righteous were undergoing great suffering. The very essence in the suffering of the righteous was nothing peculiar because they have and will always suffer (2 Tim 3:12). Christians not only endure these things, but conquer. Without a doubt, they do not conquer anything by themselves, but due to Christ; who died for, loves and continues to help them.

One of the most difficult aspects of becoming a Christian and living a dedicated Christian life, is willing to completely turn your life over to God. Total surrender! This is a concept rather foreign to our most typical philosophy of LIFE. We believe in taking control of our own life, taking the bull by the horns, taking charge, making things happen; then, to some unknown extent such a philosophy is valid. But when we understand the real purpose and focus of LIFE, we will realize we cannot maintain control all by ourselves. We must learn to appreciate by trusting God with our LIFE, if we hope to gain the most for our LIFE.

Jesus is the ultimate example of total surrender. In Gethsemane, just before His Arrest, He Prayed to God for deliverance from the ordeal laying before Him. His desire did not begin and end with His own personal will. He conditioned His Request upon God's Will, "...and prayed, saying, **O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt**" (Mt 26:39). His Personal Desire was to be spared from having to go to the cross, but His Will was in subjection to God's Will on the matter. His Desire was to be spared a physically agonizing death on the cross. His Will was to submit to God's Will. If it was God's Will He Die on the cross, then it was His Will, also.

It is often difficult to let go because we want to have, achieve and do certain things; perhaps, go to certain places. Surrendering to God's Will, letting Him take over our life, may require our having to give up a lot, if not most, of those things which we have determined to be of importance. We equate having to give those things up with sacrifice. In some cases, it may indeed constitute such; but in many cases it is a matter of God rescuing us from our own, unconceivable mistakes. Many of the things we want in LIFE are not in any way, closely related, to what we need. Most are simply not good for us. So, we must do as commanded, "**But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness...**" (Mt 6:33) means to give God the priority He is most certainly due (2 Cor 4:18). He must be first in the Christian's LIFE (Mt 22:37). By doing this, the Spiritual part of MAN will grow, Spiritually. By putting God first, He will take care of the physical needs. Christians have nothing to worry about. God knows this truth (Jn 8:32; 17:17). He sees the ultimate consequence of our actions even before we take them. We cannot always see the end of the road as we head into it. Thus, if we let God have control, we will avoid a lot of dead ends.

Jesus told Nicodemus a person has to be "**born again**" in order to see the Kingdom of God (Jn 3:3). For this to occur, we must first die and be buried. That happens at baptism (Rom 6:3, 4). We die to self; to the LIFE we have been living (disharmony with God's Will). Coming up out of the waters of baptism is like coming forth from the grave; as being reborn, Spiritually. One thing needed to leave buried is our Self-Will. At that point, we are surrendering our LIFE, will and our entire being to God. Not only letting Him have control, but asking for Him to take absolute control of our LIFE. Only with this attitude can we find all God holds for us in the blessed LIFE of a Christian. Who is in charge of your life: you or God? Whose WILL reigns in your LIFE: yours or God's? Your [true] answer (Jn 12:48) will determine your eternal destiny.

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