

THE GOSPEL TRUTH

Hiram Church of Christ

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LARGE ENOUGH TO SERVE YOU AND SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU

“Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.” Romans 16:16

FIRST CENTURY CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY

MINISTER: MELVIN J. BRYANT II

“If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

1 Peter 4:11





ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements: Matt Johnson
Opening Prayer: Matt Johnson
Song Leader: Kwame Abdul
Second Prayer: Melvin J. Bryant II
Lord’s Table: Clarence Proctor
 Alex Johnson
Message: Dennis Johnson
Closing Prayer: Devin Bryant

Attendance

Morning Hour: TBA
Bible Class: TBA
Worship: TBA
Wednesday: TBA

Weekly Service Times

 The Morning Hour 9:00am
 Bible Class 10:00am
 Morning Worship 11:00am
 Wed. Evening Bible Classes 7:30pm

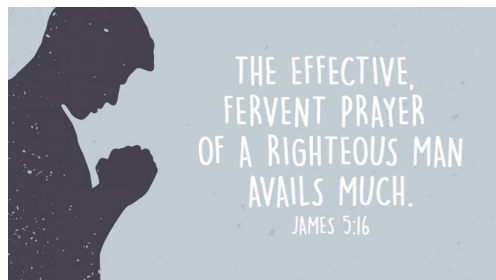
The Morning Hour

- Announcements
- Prayer
- Song
- 25 Minute Study
- Card Writing/Mail Outs
- Prepare for 10:00am Bible Class

Missions: India & Childhaven

PLAN OF SALVATION

- ★ Taught by God - John 6:45
- ★ Believe - John 8:24
- ★ Repent - Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30
(Repentance entails counting the cost)
- ★ Confess - Matthew 10:32-33
- ★ Be Baptized - Matthew 28:18-20
- ★ Live a FAITHFUL life until death - Revelation 2:10



WHAT IF WE BEGAN TO TREAT OUR BIBLES THE WAY WE TREATED OUR CELL PHONES?

WHAT IF WE...

...carried it with us everywhere?



...turn back to get it if we forgot it?

...checked it for messages throughout the day?



...used it in case of emergencies?

...spend an hour or more each day using it?

What would our lives look like?

ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES

Lea Overton (Jeff's mother), Sebastian and Erica Suarez, Ron McCurry (shut in-visits requested), Amy Brown, Polly Tunstall (Amy's mother), Ann Phillips, Harold and Dean Reeves, Mary Brock's daughter Potts/Williams family, Kilwonia Chandler, Vera Patrick, Mary Troup, Joanie Saporito, Patty Dale, Daniel Welker (kidney transplant), Al Gattis (COPD), Ben Westbrooks (leukemia), Anita Berger husband Rich, Sis. Carolyn, Ashley (Sis. Erica's sister) and her family, Sis. Proctor, Anita Berger, Charlie Griffin, the Molden Family, Camilla Fields, Titus. Garrison Ihle.

PRAYER REQUESTS

(JAMES 5:16)

- ▶ **The Webb's** Let us continue to keep them in our prayer.
- ▶ **Alex Johnson** friend Cassius is in need of prayer for an injury he sustained.
- ▶ **Carolyn** is still in need of our continual prayer.
- ▶ **Annie** is in need of prayer for strength after loosing a nephew.
- ▶ **Camilla** asked for prayer for patience and finishing up on her schooling.
- ▶ **Ron McCurry** is in need of continued prayers.
- ▶ **Mary Matthews**, the aunt of Sis. Traci Bryant is being treated for cancer. Let us keep her lifted in prayer.
- ▶ **Brother Melvin** has a co-worker, Dondrea Clay who is in need of prayers as she was injured on the job.
- ▶ **Kaitlyn Hunter** mom passed away. Let us keep the family in prayer!
- ▶ **Jamie Franklin** is in need of continual prayers after the lost of her parents.
- ▶ **Traci Bryant's** uncle passed away last Friday, let us keep her family in prayer.
- ▶ **Melvin Bryant** close friend Kieon Williams lost his brother last Tuesday. Let us keep his family in prayer as they cope with his sudden death.
- ▶ **Kwame** passed his citizenship test and will be sworn in on this Tuesday!

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

✓ December Birthdays

Matt Johnson - December 3rd
Josiah Johnson -

✓ Anniversaries

Matt & Becky - December 1st

✓ Hiram Church News

Sis. Becky is conducting a ladies class each third Monday of the month. All women are encouraged to attend.

✓ Local Church News

✓ National Church News

Jack Evans Sr, passed away. Let us pray for his family during this difficult time.

✓ World Church News

✓ Traveling

✓ Hiram Church of Christ News

Make plans to stay for the last Sunday fellowship meal.

✓ Baptisms

Kaitlyn Hunter was baptized on September 15th. Let us keep her in prayer for strength and faithfulness.

Jonathan Reaves was baptized on September 29th. Let us keep him in prayer for strength and faithfulness.

“PRAYER”
By
Melvin J. Bryant II

We find “Prayer” echoed throughout the Old and New Testament, and in every dispensation of man’s existence. “Prayer” is; (a) “A petition to Deity”. (BDAG pg. 878). (b) “To speak to or to make requests of God—‘to pray, to speak to God, to ask God for, prayer.” (Louw & Nida, Vol.1, p. 408).” (c) “To Pray, to ask, to beseech, to petition, or general, invocation of God.” (TDNT vol. 2 pg. 776).

“Prayer” is converse with God; the intercourse of the soul with God, not in contemplation or meditation, but in direct address to Him! Prayer maybe oral or mental, occasional or constant, sudden or formal! It is a “beseeching” to the Lord (cf. Exodus 32:11). Prayer presupposes a belief in the personality of God, his ability and willingness to listen to us, to grant or intervene with us according to what we ask. The entire chapter of John 17 is a “Prayer” of Jesus to His Father God!

Prayer can be for a number of reasons:

We (the church) ought to “Pray” for one another. (James 5:16 cf. Acts 12:5). We ought to “Pray” for ALL men. (1 Timothy 2:1-4). We ought to “Pray” to God when our soul is bitter. (1 Samuel 1:10). We ought to “Petition” God for children. (1 Samuel 1:11-18). For it is God that graciously gives children (Genesis 33:5). “Prayer” can be offered to God for a wife (Genesis 24:10-20). Our “Prayer” must be sincere. (Hebrews 10:22). Our “Prayer” must be offered in faith. (Matthew 21:22). Today, “Prayer” must be directed to God in the name of Jesus. (John 14:13; 15:16; Ephesians 5:20; Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 2:5). “Prayer” can be in secret. (Matthew 6:6), Or; alone (Matthew 14:23). “Prayer” can be taught (Luke 11:1-4). “Prayer” can be offered to God for boldness. (Acts 4:29). “Prayer” should be offered to God for food. (Acts 27:35). Allow me to add this....When you are in the company of unbelievers, YOU should be willing to offer prayers to God for the entire company being that your righteous acts towards God is being recognized by Him, and; your “Prayers” are being HEARD by Him! (John 9:31 cf. Job 42:8)!

God listens to the “Prayers” of the Righteous

He listened to Abraham. (Genesis 17:18-20). He listened to Moses regarding the frogs in Egypt. (Exodus 8:12-13), and other plagues (Exodus 8:30-31; 9:33). His anger towards Israel. (Exodus 32:11-14), also, regarding the serpents (Numbers 21:7-9). He listened to Elijah concerning the widow’s son and HEARD his voice. (1 Kings 17:20-23). He listened to Elisha concerning the Shunammite’s son. (2 Kings 4:33-36). He heard Zacharias (Luke 1:11-17). He listened to Jesus (John 12:27-28). He listened to Peter regarding Dorcas (Acts 9:40-42). He listened to the church regarding Peter (Acts 12:5). He listened to Paul regarding the thorn in the flesh (2 Corinthians 12:7-10). He listened to Paul regarding Publius (Acts 28:8).

There is no certain posture commanded in “Prayer” to God.

God has never commanded a certain posture one must make when “Praying” to Him. We find throughout scriptures many attitudes of posture when “Praying” to God! (1) We find, “Kneeling” (1 Kings 8:54). (2) “Prostrate and Bowing down” (Genesis 24:26; Matthew 26:39). And; (3) “Spreading out the hands” (1 Kings 8:22), etc.

“Prayer” is important to the Christian life and it should be offered to God daily, for food, giving of thanks, for things we take for granted, clothing, shelter, the use of physical faculties, for ALL men, our brethren, for better health. There is SO MUCH for us to be thankful for! Let us be mindful that, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of Lights, and with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.” (James 1:17 cf. John 3:27). Until the last Amen....

