

THE GOSPEL TRUTH

Hiram Church of Christ

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LARGE ENOUGH TO SERVE YOU AND SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU

"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

"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

ORDER OF WORSHIP





Announcements: Melvin Bryant III
Opening Prayer: Melvin Bryant III
Song Leader: Kwame Abdul
Second Prayer: Ales Johnson
Lord's Table: Matt Johnson

Message: Melvin J. Bryant II
Closing Prayer: Clarence Proctor

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

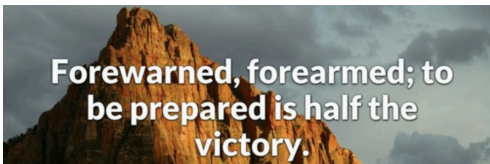
The Morning Hour

- 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 - Luke 14:25-33)
- ★ 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), Ron McCurry (shut in-visits requested), Amy Brown, Polly Tunstall (Amy's mother), Ann Phillips, Harold and Dean Reeves, Vera Patrick, Mary Troup, Joanie Saporito, Patty Dale, Daniel Welker (kidney transplant), Al Gattis (COPD), Ben Westbrooks (leukemia) Mary Brock.

Continued Prayers Needed

Jamie Franklin, Charlie Griffin, the Webb Family, Ron McCurry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

(JAMES 5:16)

- ▶ **Carolyn Watson** daughter Jetaun Watson had side affects to medication prescribes and is going through rehab! Let's keep her lifted in prayers.
- ▶ **Deborah Abdul** asked prayers for her mom, Emlyn Potts regarding health related issues, and her cousin Brandon Potts.
- ▶ **Dene Reeves** is in need of our continual prayers.
- ▶ **Mary Brock** has asked that we keep her in prayer.
- ▶ **JoAnne Proctor** is in need of continual prayers.
- ▶ **Kilwonia Chandler** is still having complication from her surgery. Let us continue to keep her in prayer.
- ▶ **Jerry Barber** is in need of prayers as he will be going to court to seek justice regarding the murder of his son.
- ▶ **Todd Bryant** came forward a few weeks ago asking for prayers regarding his family.
- ▶ **Isharah Macon** and family Covid-19 test result come back negative! Let us thank God and rejoice for them!

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

☑ June Birthdays

Traci Bryant - 1st
Ron McCurry - 6th
Alex Johnson - 20th

☑ Baptisms

Josiah Johnson was baptized on January 1, 2020! Let us rejoice and encourage our new brother in Christ!

☑ World Church News

☑ Traveling

☑ Anniversaries

☑ Local Church News

☑ Hiram Church News

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

Make plans to stay for the last Sunday fellowship meal.

☑ National Church News

BCS Church of Christ in College Station, Texas had their 4th annual Men's Development conference and it was a success! Let us pray for the efforts of developing our young men to be Strong men of God!

“FORWARDED”
2 Peter 3:17-18
By
Melvin J. Bryant II

The Love of God is echoed throughout the ENTIRE Bible! God has shown His love toward mankind under ALL periods of time! He has FOREWARNED man of Impeding Dangers that awaits them, and He loves us so that He has done the same for us throughout our generation and stay here by giving us His completed word! But;

I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE FOREWARNED?

Forewarned and Beforehand comes from a Greek word, “*proginosko*” and its translated as “Forewarned” in 1 Thessalonians 4:6, and “Beforehand” in our text of 2 Peter 3:17 and can be used interchangeably in the scripture narratives!

- A. **BDAG** tells us “Forewarned” means, “to tell beforehand, foretell, tell/proclaim beforehand, warn!” (pg. 867).
- B. **DBL** (Dictionary of Biblical Languages) tells us it means to, “warn, tell that a future event is dangerous!”
- C. **Louw & Nida** tells us that it means, “to tell someone that some future happening is dangerous and may lead to serious consequences—‘to warn.’” (vol. 1 pg. 436).
 - Christians are commanded to warn and teach every man in all wisdom of Jesus (Colossians 1:28). We **MUST** share this Gospel truth with everyone, we **MUST** “Forewarn” men of God’s judgment and that we should contend earnestly for “The Faith” since it has been, “...Once for all delivered to the Saints!” (Jude verse 3)!
 - That word “Once” comes from the Greek Word, “Hapax” and it means, “once and for all!” (BDAG pg. 97).
 - It’s the same Greek word we find in Hebrews 9:27 of dying **ONCE** and Christ Suffered **ONCE** (1 Peter 3:18)!
 - God’s word has been **FULLY** distributed **ONCE** to the Saints, **NOT** to the World, it is the **SAINTS** duty to teach the Gospel to the World since the word has been **ONCE** delivered to **US**!
 - *Nonetheless*, God has **ALWAYS** Forewarned Man of the Dangers that awaits them!
- D. In the Antediluvian Day, (before the flood) God loved those men so that He had Noah to **FOREWARN** them of the dangers to come upon them!
 - Jesus tells us the behavior of man in that day and tells us that He will come in like manner (Matthew 24:38-39)!
 - What did Jesus do there? He “Forewarned” us how men will be conducting themselves when He returns!
 - And Noah was a preacher of Righteousness (2 Peter 2:5) but the people didn’t heed the warning and only 8 souls were saved through water (1 Peter 3:20).
- E. He “Forewarned” Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis 19 with the Righteous Judgment of Lot (2 Peter 2:7-8)!
- F. He “Forewarned” Nineveh in the book of Jonah by the preaching of Jonah?
 - So, God has **ALWAYS** “Forewarned” men of dangers that awaits them for disobedience or not hearing and following His commands!

II. THERE ARE THREE DISPENSATIONAL PERIODS IN THE BIBLE!

- (1) We have the Patriarchal Dispensation (or Patriarchal Age)!

- Now, when I say, “Dispensational Period” I am referring to a system or an order of a people or nation as existing at a particular time!
 - The Patriarchal Dispensation consist of people like Adam, Abel, Seth, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and others. A Patriarch is “the head of a father’s house—the founder or ruler of a tribe, family, or clan” (Nelson’s, 1986).
 - The word “Patriarch” is found four (4) times in scripture (Acts 2:29; twice in Acts 7:8-9 and Hebrews 7:4)!
- (2) We have the Mosaic Dispensation that ran parallel with the Patriarchal System!
- ALL MEN during the Law of Moses were NOT under the Mosaic Law, it was only given to the children of Israel! This Law was NOT given to Gentiles (unless they became proselytes)! (see **Exodus 20:22; 23:12; Deuteronomy 5:1, 12-15**)!
 - God was speaking to ALL of Israel and commanded THEM to keep the Sabbath!
 - The Mosaic Law was NOT a Universal Law and is NOT governing ALL Mankind today!
 - No man has the authority from God to JUSTIFY themselves under a System (a Law) that we as Gentiles were NEVER under and that was only given to the Children of Israel! (see **Galatians 5:1-4**)!
 - Circumcision of the flesh was an Old Testament construct! There is NO LAW today that commands that men MUST BE circumcised to be saved today!
 - Tithing was an Old Testament Construct and is NOT given to the children of God today!
 - So, if ANYONE is telling you that you must tithe today, that is, that you must give 10% of your earnings, tell them to show that to you in the New Testament where God commands for us to give 10% of our income today!
 - We are under a BETTER Covenant with Better Promises and a Better Hope (Hebrews 8:6)! So we ought to do BETTER than what the Law of Moses required!
 - The Bible is CLEAR as to who are JEWS today and what Circumcision is today, and I assure you, it is NOT of the flesh today! (see **Romans 2:29**)!
 - Men in the early church taught falsely on this (Acts 15:1) and was corrected by the Apostles and Elders by letter in Acts 15:23-24!
 - “IF” ANY MAN today (any Christian) makes an “Attempt” to be Justified by the Law of Moses, and ANY of its ordnances the Bible tells us, “You have FALLEN from Grace!” (Galatians 5:4)!
- (3) The Law of Christ in which ALL men are governed under today!
- Galatians 6:2, the Bible tells us, “Bear one another’s burdens, and so FULFILL the Law of Christ!” Today, we don’t FULFILL the Law of Moses, BUT; we FULFILL the Law of Christ!
 - James 1:25 calls it, “the Perfect Law of Liberty”!

III. CHRIST WAS FORETOLD ABOUT

- A. Before Jesus came to earth, it was “Foretold” of His coming! (see **Isaiah 7:15**)!
- Not only was it “Foretold” about Jesus coming, BUT; He would come miraculously by way of a VIRGIN, a woman who had NEVER known a man! And we find this being Fulfilled in Mary in Luke 1:26ff!
- B. Christ didn’t just preach to the Jews! (see **Matthew 4:23-25**)
- Before the sermon on the mount there were Jews and Gentiles (see **Matthew 4:12-17**)!
 - But; this too, in Matthew 4:15-16 was “Foretold” in Isaiah 9:1-2!
- C. It was “Foretold” that Jesus would be Betrayed (Zechariah 11:12-13), and He was (Matthew 27:6-10)!
- D. It was “Foretold” that He would be Forsaken (Psalms 22:1), and the Fulfillment is found in Matthew 27:46!
- E. It was “Foretold” that His blood will make atonement (Leviticus 17:11), and it was fulfilled (Matthew 26:28)! Let us HEED the WARNING of God until the last Amen!