

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 Bryant III

Lord’s Table: Clarence Proctor
Alex Johnson

Message: Melvin J. Bryant II

Closing Prayer: Devin Bryant

Attendance

Morning Hour: TBA





Bible Class: TBA

Worship: TBA

Wednesday: TBA

Contribution: 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

“Raising A G-Rated Family in a X-Rated World”

**Philippians 4:8
2 Timothy 3:1-5**



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, Charlie Griffin, 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

(JAMES 5:16)

- ▶ **The Webb** family lost their daughter Kira. Let us keep them in our prayers.
- ▶ **Anita Berger** test result was favorable, but she is still in need of prayers for complications.
- ▶ **Kwame** will take his citizenship test Tuesday. Let's pray that he does well and pass.
- ▶ **Garrison Ihle**, the 5 month old baby of some friends of the Johnsons had his surgery. Please keep him and his family in our prayers.
- ▶ **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** has requested continued prayers as he will be having a nuclear stress test this week.
- ▶ **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.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

✓ November Birthdays

Kirian - 1st
Mekel Abdul - 9th
Deborah Abdul - 14th

✓ Anniversaries

TBA

✓ Hiram Church News

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

✓ Local Church News

There will be a "Ladies Day" held at the Central Church of Christ on November 2, 2019 by Heather Scarborough. All women are encouraged to attend.

✓ National Church News

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

✓ World Church News

✓ Traveling

Sis. Carolyn

✓ Hiram Church of Christ News

Make plans to stay for the last Sunday fellowship meal each month.

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.

"Raising A G-Rated Family in a X-Rated World"

Philippians 4:8 - 2 Timothy 3:1-5

By

Melvin J. Bryant II

We live in a day and time where our world is becoming more like the world in the antediluvian days, where in Genesis 6:5 the Bible tells us how, "...the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was GREAT in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Can you imagine, people in that day, thinking and then doing things evil continually ALL DAY! And, the reason I know the things they were doing were evil not only because of Genesis 6:5 but ALSO Jesus coupled Matthew 24:38 with it and told us what they were doing!

In days past, the 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, and early 80's, there were family friendly television shows that held a level of integrity to them! Shows like: Andy Griffin, Different Strokes, Happy Days, Little House on the Prairie, The Cosby Show, these shows and others held a level of integrity to them and FREE from much of the IMMORALITY we find on television programming today! And; most times these shows taught a positive lesson that you can take with you and make it applicable to your life! How families ought to be established as God deemed them to be! When Daddy and Momma are married and in the house with children RAISING them in God-fearing ways! When PRAYER at home and in school was not an embarrassment! Our society today is SO FAR removed from a constant theme of friendly television that you have to be careful what you're watching these days!

- **Superhero** television shows are beginning to be laced with immorality! Marvel comics have announced the release of a Gay Super Hero movie! Network television has a new Bat woman to be released as her love interest is another woman!
- This, totally VIOLATING and not listening to the admonition given to us in Romans 1:26, where the Bible tells us how the women, "...exchanged the natural use for what is AGAINST nature."
- That simply means that the NATURAL USE of a Woman is to be with a MAN, not another woman! Forget what Romans 1:27 tells us as well!
- Even "IF" it's for entertainment purposes, it should NOT violate scriptures NOR promote SIN!
- Even the **Cartoons** of past were friendly for children and adults to watch! Cartoons like: Tom and Jerry, The Flintstones, Woody Woodpecker, The Jetsons, and others....Cartoons that were FUN and SAFE to watch!
- NOT TODAY! They have cartoons that are SO FAR REMOVED from morality that parents have to be careful telling the children, "*Just go in your room and watch a cartoon*"!
- They might turn on cartoons like, "The Boondocks, Family Guy, South Park, and so many others" that promote filthy language and sin!
- The Psalmist tells us in Psalms 119:37, "[Turn away my eyes from LOOKING at WORTHLESS THINGS, and REVIVE me in Your way.](#)" We don't have to subject ourselves to Worthless things that is broadcasted on television!
- We even have to be careful about the **Music** we listen to these days!
- As Christians, we are to make a DIFFERENCE in the World! But, how is that? Because Jesus tells us that....

I. WE ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH

A. Christians are to be living a G-Rated life (a Godly life) in an X-Rated world!

- Now, allow me to explain to you what I mean when I say G-Rated Life! G-Rated means things that are innocent, things that are decent, things that are chaste, clean, modest, pure! (see Philippians 4:8).

- X-Rated means things that are indecent, lovers of money, lovers of themselves, unthankful, unholy, without self control, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God! (see 2 Timothy 3:1-5).
- Our conduct should be Innocent, Pure, free from Immoral Living! Salt had the ABILITY to give flavor to that which has no taste! Job said it like this in Job 6:6, “Can flavorless food be eaten without Salt? Or is there any taste in the white of an egg?”

B. Our conversation should be seasoned with salt. (see Colossians 4:6).

- It is IMPORTANT that we WATCH what we say!
- Jesus said in Matthew 12:36, “**But I say to you that for EVERY IDLE WORD men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.**” It is important to God what we “think” AND what we “say”! We ought to be careful with these things!

First: Our SPEECH is to be with Grace! Titus 2:11-12 tells us that GRACE teaches us!

Second: Our “Speech” should be “Seasoned with Salt”! How is this done?

II. CHRISTIANS ARE TO KNOW HOW TO REASON WITH THOSE IN THE WORLD!

A. Our conversation should be “Seasoned with Salt,” and that consist of us being able to REASON with those who are on the outside of the Lord’s church! (see Acts 24:22-26).

- And, if they so happen to hear you and your speech is with Grace, instructing them regarding the word of God, seasoned with salt, most times people will behave like Felix and say, “Go away for now; when I have a convenient time, I will call for you.” And, we know most times that day NEVER comes!

- (1) He REASONED with Felix about Righteousness, *that is*, “Equity, Justification, Fairness, being Upright in conduct!”
- (2) He REASONED with Felix about, “Self Control”, *that is*, “...exercise complete control over his desires and actions. To control yourself!” And;
- (3) He REASONED with him about, “the Judgment to come,” *that is*, “Paul told Felix that you’re going to stand before God in Judgment and every unrighteous act that you’ve done will be brought before you! (cf. Acts 17:31)! Jesus tells us the WORD that He spoke will JUDGE us in the last day (John 12:48).

III. WE CAN LIVE A GODLY LIFE IN AN UNGODLY WORLD

A. How can that be when there is so much UNGODLINESS going on around us! **FIRST:** You want to surround yourself around godly people! Think about this....How can you escape an X-rated world with X-Rated friends? (see Proverbs 12:26 cf. 1 Corinthians 14:33)!

- So, we ought to LOVE being around godly people because we don’t have to worry about filthy language coming out of their mouths, foolish talking, ungodly behaviors, and so on!

B. Noah lived a G-Rated life in a X-Rated World! (Genesis 6:1-8 cf. 2 Peter 2:5).

C. Abraham lives a G-Rated life in a X-Rated World! (Genesis 18:16-33).

D. Lot lived a G-Rated life in an X-Rated World! (Genesis 19:1-29 cf. 2 Peter 2:7-8).

E. WE today can live a G-Rated life in our X-Rated world! (1 Peter 4:1-5).

- We don’t have to watch programs that are sinful to the soul!
- We don’t have to listen to music that promotes sin!
- We don’t have to set ANYTHING worthless before our eyes~!
- Be ENCOURAGED brethren, until the last Amen....

SERMON NOTES
