

# 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**

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Announcements:** Matt Johnson

**Opening Prayer:** Matt Johnson

**Song Leader:** Kwame Abdul

**Second Prayer:** Trae Webb

**Lord’s Table:** Clarence Proctor  
Alex Johnson

**Message:** Melvin J. Bryant II

**Closing Prayer:** David Bean

### Attendance

**Morning Hour:** TBA





**Bible Class:** TBA

**Worship:** TBA

**Wednesday:** TBA

**Contribution:** TBA

### Weekly Service Times

|                                                                                                                |         |
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|  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

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“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

### 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

### Hell is REAL!



**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. 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

### ✓ 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

### ✓ National Church News

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

### ✓ World Church News

### ✓ Traveling

The Johnsons,  
Sis. Carolyn

### ✓ Hiram Church of Christ News

Make plans to stay for the last Sunday fellowship meal today.

### ✓ 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.

**"HELL, A PLACE PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL, HIS ANGELS AND THOSE WHO DON'T OBEY THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST"**

**Matthew 25:41**

**By**

**Melvin J. Bryant II**

Most preachers are afraid to preach, teach or even talk about "Hell!" It scares them to think of such a place! A place where one will burn for eternity and the fire is NEVER quenched, where the worm does not die (Mark 9:44)! Preaching about "Hell" is not a popular sermon choice for most preachers. Nor, is it a popular Bible discussion for Bible class teachers because the thought of HELL puts fear in the hearts of those who are plagued with sin, so they rather avoid the subject all together! Every Sunday that's ALL you hear in most churches, prosperity, good will, and what God can do for you and NOT what YOU should be doing for the Lord! There are those who say, "*I refuse to think of ANYTHING negative like HELL so I rather not talk about it at all.*" Now, just because one chooses not to talk about "Hell" - does not mean that it does not exist according to the Bible! Just because one chooses not to discuss it - does not mean that you are exempt from entering into it because of disobedience! Just because one chooses to eliminate "Hell" from their fleshly minds - does not mean that millions upon billions of people are not ALREADY there; And, Billions upon Billion of people today are headed there! I can tell you with confidence that someone this morning DID NOT wake up on this time side of life - And they lifted their eyes in Hell (in torment)! *Nonetheless;*

**I. WHAT IS HELL?**

A. There are TWO different Greek Words that describes HELL!

- (1) Is "Gehenna" which is equivalent to the Hebrew word "Hinnom" which means, "A place of punishment for the dead." (Louw and Nida vol. 1 pg. 5).
  - "It is a valley of Jerusalem, used (figuratively) as a name for the place (or state) of everlasting punishment". (Strongs Greek Hebrew Dictionary vol. 1 pg. 20)!
- (2) We have "Tartarus," and it's defined as, "A place of torture or torment". (Louw & Nida vol.1 pg. 6).
  - The Rich man in Luke 16:19ff is in "Tartarus" (in torment)!
  - The Unrighteous who died in the Antediluvian world (*that is*, the world before the flood) are in "Tartarus," A place of torment! When Jesus returns, God will send them to their FINAL destination *which is*, "Gehenna," the Eternal HELL!

**II. JESUS SPOKE ABOUT HELL MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE**

- A. In Matthew 5:22, Jesus said if you say to your brother, "**You Fool**" you shall be in DANGER of Hell fire!
  - Hell fire here is referring to "Gehenna," the FINAL destination of the Unrighteous soul!
- B. The same is true in Mark 9:43-48. Hell in these verses are referring to "Gehenna"!
  - In Mark 9:43-48, Jesus is using hyperbole here! *That is*, an exaggerated statement NOT to be taken literally!
  - What Jesus is calling for is for man to cut off harmful practices (put to death the sin[s]) from our lives! (cf. Colossians 3:5).
- C. In Luke 16:19ff, we all know the Hallmark Story! The Rich man lifted his eyes in HELL (Tartarus)!
  - God is not concerned about your money, And neither is Hell! You can't take a DIME with you! (cf. Ecclesiastes 5:15)!
- D. Paul spoke about HELL! (cf. 1 Corinthians 6:9)!
  - Those who are practicing any of these sins, if you DIE in them, you will be in HELL!

E. Peter spoke about HELL (see 2 Peter 2:4-6)!

F. Jude spoke about HELL (see Jude verse 5-7)!

- HELL is REAL, and we can find warnings of HELL throughout the ENTIRE Bible!

### III. THERE ARE CHARACTERISTICS OF HELL

A. There are descriptions of HELL in the Bible!

- Hell is a place of outer darkness (Matthew 25:30)! It is a place of punishment forever (Matthew 25:46)! A flame that is NEVER quenched (Mark 9:43-48)!
- It is a REAL place with REAL fire, A place where torment is REAL! I hear people all the time say, *“I don’t believe in hell because a loving and caring God won’t send me nor anyone else to hell.”* Well, friend, keep believing that and see where you end up after you DIE!
- You hear preacher who would only preach about prosperity, what this life can offer you, what this life can GIVE you - ALL about Financial Gain! But Jesus said in Matthew 16:26, **“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and LOSES his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”**

B. Hell does NOT Discriminate

- We have people in our world today that will elevate the BLACK culture over White Culture, WHITE Culture will elevate themselves over the Black Culture, the Hispanic Culture, the American Culture, whatever it is, PEOPLE put more time and energy in their CULTURE rather than FAITH in God and His Word!
- God NEVER intended for mankind to treat one another with so much discontent that we break off into Cultural Biases! The Bible is CLEAR, once ANYONE has obeyed the Gospel, we ALL are ONE in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:27-28)!
- Now, how do we KNOW that HELL does NOT Discriminate? Because, In Hell, there are Rich men, Middle class and Poor men there! Black men and White men are there! Young folk and Old folk are there! American’s, Russians and Chinese men are there, People from EVERY nation under heaven are there! Models are there, Professional Football, Baseball and Basketball players are there, Entertainers are there, Doctors are there, Lawyers are there, Prostitutes are there, Kings and Queens are there! PRESIDENTS and PREACHERS are there! WHATEVER your profession is, there are people burning in the Flame of Fire right now who are there! So-called Christians are there, Unfaithful Christians are there, Nations of people are in TORMENT right now!
- God has given WARNING in the Bible! Psalms 9:17, the Bible tells us, *“The wicked shall be turned into HELL, And all the nations that forget God.”* If you’re WICKED, God’s word says you’re going to HELL! And; ALL the NATIONS that forget God!
- We need to tell people the TRUTH because HELL is REAL!

C. Saul, a servant of God went to HELL, he’s there! (see 1 Chronicles 10:13)!

### IV. HELL AWAITS THOSE WHO DO NOT OBEY THE GOSPEL (see 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9).

A. If one decides NOT to Obey the Gospel, the Bible tells us that they are on a WIDE HIGHWAY TO HELL! (cf. Matthew 7:13-14)!

- In 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9, there are TWO classes of people mentioned! (1). Those who do not know God! These people can be atheist, agnostics, evolutionist, ANYONE who does NOT know God! And, (2) Those who do NOT Obey the Gospel! These people can be those who profess to be Christians and are NOT, religious people!
- Most will say they don’t believe that Jesus built one church! Forget what Jesus said in Matthew 16:18! Forget Ephesians 4:4-6! Forget Ephesians 1:22-23!
- Let us be BOLD to teach what God has said on EVERY subject in the Word, including warning men and women about the dangers of HELL! Until the last Amen....