

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:** Devin Bryant
- Second Prayer:** Melvin J. Bryant III
- Lord’s Table:** Clarence Proctor
Melvin Bryant III
- Message:** Melvin J. Bryant II
- Closing Prayer:** Alex Johnson

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

HEAVEN

A Prepared Place for a Prepared People

Matthew 25:31-46

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, Barbara Helton, Vera Patrick, Mary Troup, Joanie Saporito, Charlie Griffin, Patty Dale, Daniel Welker (kidney transplant), Al Gattis (COPD), Shirley Glosson (radiation), Ben Westbrooks (leukemia), Anita Berger husband Rich, Sis. Carolyn, Ashley (Sis. Erica's sister) and her family, Sis. Dean, Sis. Proctor, Anita Berger.

PRAYER REQUESTS

(JAMES 5:16)

- ▶ **The Webb's** family lost their daughter Kira. She was buried on yesterday. Let us keep them in our prayers continually.
- ▶ **Kwame** had a successful surgery and is in need of continual prayers as he heals from it. And, for his citizenship as he has applied for it.
- ▶ **Charlie** had surgery on his foot and has asked that we keep him in prayer.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Jerry Barber** was released from the hospital last week for a blood clot on his lung. He's doing much better and thanks the congregation for their prayers.
- ▶ **Ron McCurry** has requested continued prayers for his son in law.
- ▶ **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** was added to the Lord's church last Sunday night. Let us welcome her to the family.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

☑ September Birthdays

Sebastian - 2nd
Joanie Saporito - 16th
Anita Berger - 27th

☑ Anniversaries

Melvin & Traci Bryant - 23rd

☑ Hiram Church News

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

☑ Local Church News

Sept. 15-19th - Lithia Springs Gospel Meeting with Robby Eversole.
Sept. 15-19th - Gospel Meeting at Cedartown, Leroy Dedmon, speaker.

☑ World Church News

☑ Hiram Church of Christ News

Our water is fixed in the back and Fellowship dinner will resume the last Sunday of each month. Please plan to stay.

☑ Traveling

Sis. Pudgy

"A Prepared Place for a Prepared People"

Matthew 25:31-46

By

Melvin J. Bryant II

God has prepared TWO places for the destination and soul of man. *However*, God has ALWAYS desired His people to "Prepare" themselves, And Why is that? Because He wants us to ALWAYS be READY! It doesn't matter how we look at it, WE are "Preparing" ourselves for ONE of TWO places according to what Jesus said in our text! There is a Place Prepared for the Righteous! And, there is a Place Prepared for the Devil and his angels along with the wicked who follows him! *Nonetheless*, How important is "Preparation"?

We "Prepared" ourselves for worship, for rainy days, for cold weather, for work and a host of other things! I'll tell you one area where many people are NOT "Prepared" and it's sad, many people are not prepared for death or the death of a loved one! Death STRIKES suddenly, no one knows when it's coming, and for millions of families, they are not prepared for it. They have the latest smart phone, designer cloths, Jordans on their feet and their children's feet, 4K televisions on their walls at home, Playstation, X-box, Nintendo switch and any other gaming system, and yet, no life insurance! This is sad and unfortunate!

I. PREPARATION DEFINED

- A. To "Prepare" is defined as, "to cause to be ready - to make ready, to prepare." (Louw Nida vol. 1 pg. 682). It is;
- B. "To cause to be ready, to put or keep in readiness." (BDAG pg. 400).
- C. "To get ready, made ready, to Make Arrangements, to prepare." (NAS Greek Dictionary).
 - Now, from the beginning of time, God has ALWAYS desired for His people to, "Prepare" and to UNDERSTAND the Importance of Preparation!

II. NOAH "PREPARED" FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE OLD WORLD

- A. Hebrews 11:7 confirms this.
 - (1) Noah walked by Faith! He "walked" by what he HEARD from God Himself!
 - The Bible tells us that, "We are to Walk by Faith!" (2 Corinthians 5:7).
 - And, for us, how is "Faith" obtained? (Romans 10:17)!
 - (2) The Bible tells us that Noah was, "Divinely warned of things NOT yet seen."
 - But what was those things NOT YET SEEN? The destruction of the Old World by way of a flood! Noah didn't see it as of yet, but; he believed in God that it was going to come to pass! Noah was not concerned about the world in that day, because Jesus said that, "before the flood", the people were eating, drinking marrying and given in marriage, (Matthew 24:38), all alone while Noah was working by faith! *Nonetheless*,
 - Did NOT God divinely warn us today? (see 2 Peter 3:10-13).
 - Jesus is coming as a "thief in the night", *which simply means* that He's coming at a time when we are least expected! BUT; we ought to be ready! (Matthew 24:43-44).
 - And, since the Lord is coming at an unexpected hour, the heavens, earth and the works that are in it will be burned up! (2 Peter 3:10). This is why we should NOT put anything before the Lord since we brought nothing into this world, and it's a SURE thing we can carry nothing out! (1 Timothy 6:7).
 - *Therefore*, since ALL these things will be dissolved, our manner of person should be Holy and Godly! (2 Peter 3:11).
 - Remember Martha? (Luke 10:38). the Bible tells us that, "...Martha was DISTRACTED with much serving." There is nothing wrong with serving.

