

HIRAM CHURCH OF CHRIST

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LARGE ENOUGH TO SERVE YOU AND SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU

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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

"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: Melvin Bryant III

Lord's Table: Clarence Proctor
Devin Bryant

Message: Melvin J. Bryant II

Closing Prayer: Alex Johnson

Attendance

Morning Hour: TBA

Bible Class: TBA

Worship: TBA

Wednesday: TBA

Contribution: \$1429.00

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 - Rightly Dividing
- 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

BIBLICAL WARNING

SUGAR-COATED PREACHING IS DANGEROUS TO YOUR SOUL.
2 Timothy 4:3-4

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, 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 Westbrook (leukemia)

PRAYER REQUESTS

(JAMES 5:16)

- ▶ **Trae Webb** daughter is doing better with chemo treatments.
- ▶ **Carolyn** recently fractured her tibia. The doctor wanted her to use a wheelchair or walker, but she has been hobbling around with them. She has been going through other health issues as well. Please keep her in your prayers.
- ▶ **Mrs. Joanie** has not been feeling well lately. Please keep her in your prayers.
- ▶ **Mary Troup** had mouth surgery and is in need of our prayers.
- ▶ **Ann Phillips** is still in need of prayer.
- ▶ **Ron McCurry** has requested prayers for his son in law, Tommy. He goes in a few weeks to see if he still has fluid in his pancreas, if he does the doctors will put a stint in his colon, which will have him in the hospital 7-10 days.
- ▶ **Traci Bryant's** uncle passed away. Let us keep the Molden family in our prayers.
- ▶ **Erica** is in need of prayer for her overall health. She appreciates the calls and prayers. Also, she has asked that we keep her sister, Ashley in prayers.
- ▶ **Mary Brock** has requested prayers for her daughters.
- ▶ **Patty** will be going to Kansas soon for surgery.
- ▶ **Donda Gilbert and Michelle Lindley** classmates of Bro. Bryant is in need of prayer for health. Let us pray they are encouraged and there is hope in the Lord.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

☑ April Birthdays

Sariah - 1st

Mary Brock - 8th

Carolyn Watson - 25th

☑ Local Church News.

☑ Traveling.

Sis. Pudgy, Sis. Penny, Sis. Brock

☑ Patty is in Oklahoma for a while.

☑ Hiram Church of Christ News

A Potluck lunch is planned at Mr. Ron's on Wednesday. His son-in-law had surgery.

Fellowship dinner is the last Sunday of each month.

"The Prophetic Prophet and the Prince of Peace"

Isaiah 9:6

By

Melvin J. Bryant II

It is no surprise to us as Christians that Jesus is the Savior of the World. That He is the Prophetic Prophet that Moses spoke about in Deuteronomy 18:15, And He is the Prince of Peace found in Isaiah 9:6! *However*, during this time of year, MANY people come (and go) to worship to show their respect to the Savior of the World! They put their Sunday's BEST on, and they come to show homage to the Savior of the World! *However*, sadly, next week, the same ones you may see in worship today, will be ABSENT until next year during this time! And as most of us ought to know, there is NO scripture that authorizes Christians to celebrate Easter And put this ONE DAY of the year on a pedestal and disregard all other First Day's of the Week! This week comes around ONCE a year and men have been conditioned to celebrate it only during this time of year! We are to be MINDFUL of Colossians 3:17 and 1 Peter 4:11! *Nonetheless*, some will argue that the word "Easter" is in the Bible (Acts 12:4), *however*, it simply means, "Passover" And it has NO ASSOCIATION with a Bunny Rabbit or Hunting for Colorful Eggs or ANY other thing of the sort! So, just because we come across "some" words in the Bible that maybe hard to explain, it does not mean that we invoke our definition on that word when the CONTEXT will explain the word to us! *Nonetheless*...I do understand that many people's minds are on Resurrection of Jesus Christ this morning and that's GREAT! The Resurrection of Jesus Christ IS a Biblical Subject found in Luke 24:1-6! Jesus DID Rise from the Grave on the First Day of the Week! And the Word "Resurrection" simply means, "Rising Up." (BDAG pg. 71). So, Jesus did RISE UP from the Grave! Peter said in Acts 2:24, "whom God raised up...." Romans 6:4 tells us, "...that just as Christ was RAISED from the dead BY the GLORY of the Father...." Galatians 6:1 tells us, "Paul an apostle (not from men nor through men, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who RAISED Him (Jesus) from the dead!)" We are THANKFUL for the "Resurrection" of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! But...What does the Bible command of us to do on Sunday's, the First Day of the Week?

- We are COMMANDED in Hebrews 10:25 to assemble with the Saints, EVERY first day of the week (cf. Acts 20:7)!
- We are COMMANDED in 1 Corinthians 11:23ff (in that assembly) to remember the Death, the Burial and the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ EVERY First Day of the Week - NOT JUST ON "EASTER" Sunday! This is why we partake of the Lord's supper EVERY First Day of the Week!
- We are COMMANDED to Worship God in Spirit and in Truth (John 4:24), and that is EVERY First Day of the Week (Acts 20:7)! We REMEMBER the Sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ EVERY First Day of the Week (as commanded) and we partake of the Lord's supper - Every First Day of the Week! (1 Corinthians 10:16 cf. Acts 20:7).

I. WHO IS JESUS?

- A. One sure thing we need to recognize is that Jesus is God! (Matthew 1:23; Hebrews 1:9).
 - *However*, He is NOT God the Father, NOR is He God the Spirit, But; He IS God the Son!
 - And Jesus was prophesied about from the beginning of time! (cf. Genesis 3:15).
 - But, I want to go a step further....
- B. Jesus had GLORY before the World began. (see John 17:5).
 - Jesus had GLORY with His Father, BEFORE the World even began, which tells us that Jesus existed - BEFORE the World was ever created! (cf. John 1:1-2).
 - There are religious groups professing that Jesus was created....NOT so according to Isaiah 43:10!

- C. He came in the form of a Bondservant (Philippians 2:5).
 - A “Bondservant”, “pertains to a state of being completely controlled by someone or something....Subservient to, controlled by.” (Louw & Nida vol. 1 pg. 471).
 - Jesus HUMBLED Himself and came in the form of a Bondservant! He removed His High rank of Glory, all the privileges that was associated with His Glory, He didn’t come here as a Rich King, He didn’t come here with the Power of Men, He made Himself of NO Reputation! (v.7).
 - Since Jesus accomplished His Father’s will, every knee should bow for God has exalted His name above EVERY name (vs 9-11). This is why Jesus could say in Matthew 28:18, “ALL Authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
- D. He became POOR so that you and I can become RICH (see 2 Corinthians 8:9).
 - Now, Jesus didn’t become POOR so that we can become Physically Rich with this world’s Goods!
 - Jesus didn’t come Preaching a Prosperity Gospel~!
 - What is a Prosperity Gospel? Jesus didn’t come saying “IF” you put so much in the collection tray, you will receive 10 fold in return....BUT we hear it in “Prosperity Preaching!
 - If you’re in Christ Jesus, you MIGHT be POOR Financially, BUT you are RICH with Him Spiritually....the TRUE riches is in our obedience to the Will of God! (cf. Colossians 3:2)!
 - Remember the church in Smyrna, the Lord said that He knew their works, Tribulation and POVERTY, but He said they were RICH (Revelation 2:9). The church didn’t allow the Tribulation and the Poverty to STOP them from serving God, they remained TRUE to Him despite their tribulations, despite their Poverty!
 - Jesus tells us that we WILL have Tribulation in the world but we are to be of Good Cheer for He has overcome the world (John 16:33).

II. JESUS WENT TO THE CROSS OF CALVARY

- A. He came as the “Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).
 - But He also came with the Sword (Matthew 10:34-36).
 - What is the Lord saying here? A man, will choose to take up His cross....There will be DAILY burdens and struggles! The man separates himself from the religious systemic system of his father or his fathers sinful ways! The man follows Jesus (John 10:27). And when he makes that decision, the SWORD has been used because it SEPARATE, (it Sets a Man) against His father because the man choses to follow God rather than his father!
- B. His sentencing, scourging and death was unjustified!
 - They falsely accused Him and He was innocent! The slapped the Lord the First time when He stood before the High Priest (John 18:19-22). Pilate found NO FAULT in Him but still scourged Him and delivered Him to be crucified! (Matthew 27:26).
 - They rather for the Rebel, Robber and Murderer Barabbas to be released rather than Jesus!
 - But we thank God for sending Jesus because....

III. THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD

- A. Our sins are REMITTED by His Blood (Matthew 26:28; 1 Peter 2:24)
- B. Our sins are FORGIVEN because of His Blood (Isaiah 1:18)
- C. We are JUSTIFIED by His Blood (Romans 5:9)
- D. We are SANCTIFIED by His Blood (Hebrews 13:12)
- E. We are REDEEMED by His Blood (1 Peter 1:17-21; Titus 2:14)
- F. We are brought NEAR by His Blood (Ephesians 2:13)! Be encouraged brethren by the death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for without His sacrifice, we are nothing!