

# 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:** Jeff Kirkland

**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:** \$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 - Rightly Dividing
- Card Writing/Mail Outs
- Prepare for 10:00am Bible Class

**Missions:** India & Childhaven

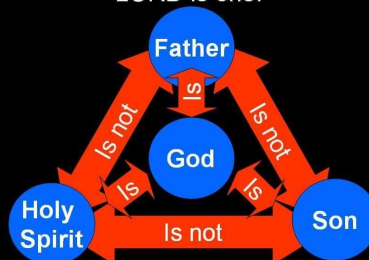
## PLAN OF SALVATION

- ★ 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

## Four Types of Worship

1. True Worship (John 4:24)
2. Ignorant Worship (Acts 17:22-23)
3. Vain Worship (Mark 7:1-20)
4. **Will Worship** (Colossians 2:20-23)

Deuteronomy 6:4  
"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!"



**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)

- ▶ **Dennis & Beth Johnson** made it back to India.
- ▶ **Brad and Doranda** are in need of prayer as they prepare to relocate.
- ▶ **Ameena Redic** passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.
- ▶ **Richy and Dene** have moved into their new home and want to thank the congregation for all the support they received.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Mary Brock** has requested prayers for her daughters.

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

### ✓ March Birthdays

**Becky** - 15th  
**Erica** - 23rd  
**Patty** - 29th

### ✓ Local Church News.

Lithia Spring Church of Christ is having their Gospel Meeting from March 17-21 with Bro. Eric Garner, minister for the Avondale Church of Christ in Chattanooga, Tn.

### ✓ Traveling.

Patty is in Oklahoma for a while.  
 Dennis and Beth Johnson has made it back to India.

- ✓ We will have a Fellowship Meal on the last Sunday of each month.

### ✓ Hiram Church of Christ News

Let us keep James Munsell in our prayers. He was added to the Lord on January 20, 2019. He found our church Youtube channel and studied with Bro. Bryant, now he's a child of God. He was baptized at the Quivira Heights church of Christ in Topeka, Ks.

- ✓ We have been asked to keep another interested person in prayer. Her name is Maricela, she has asked that we keep her sons, Antonio and Alexander along with ex-husband Torrell and friend Justin in prayer. She lives in California, and she too has found our Youtube channel and has shown interest in studying more regarding the word of



**“WORSHIP...GOD” Pt. VI**  
**“Identifying the FOUR types of Worship in the Bible”**  
**“Will Worship”**  
**Colossians 2:20-23**

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**I. WHAT IS WILL WORSHIP**

- A. Thayer defines “Will Worship” as “Worship which one devises and prescribes for himself, contrary to the contents and nature of faith which ought to be directed to Christ”.
- B. BDAG tells us it is, “Self-made religion, do it yourself religion, idiosyncratic religion.” (pg. 276).
- C. Louw & Nida defines “Will Worship” as, “a set of religious beliefs and practices resulting from one’s own desires and initiative— ‘self-imposed religion, religion thought up by oneself.” (1996 electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 532).
  - “Will Worship” is according to what I think, what I feel, what I believe, it is, you coming up with your OWN ORDER of Worship to God and expects Him to accept it! It is YOUR ideology! It is your beliefs, your canon, your creeds, your convictions, your doctrine, your ethics, your ideas, your morals, your persuasion, your philosophy, your principles, your teachings, your theory, Your WILL! It is “Worship” about you and your desires you want to present to God! But as Christians....

**II. WE HAVE DIED WITH CHRIST**

- A. What does it mean to have “Died with Christ?”
  - In context, Paul tells us how we, “Died with Christ!” (see Colossians 2:12-13).
  - We DIED with Christ by being Buried with Him in BAPTISM.
- B. What would one have to do for God to Forgive you of ALL your sins? (see Colossians 2:13).
  - The ONLY way one can be Forgiven of ALL their Trespasses is to, (1) Put OFF the Body of Sins of the Flesh! And then, (2) Be BURIED with Him in Baptism!
  - Now, “IF” you notice, the PUTTING off the Body of SINS of the Flesh comes BEFORE the being BURIED with Him in Baptism! *In other words*, one cannot continue in SIN, be BURIED with Christ in Baptism, then EXPECT God to Forgive you while you REMAIN in the sin(s) you were to REMIT! (Romans 6:1-2).
  - Once we have DIED with Christ, there is NO NEED for you and I to subject ourselves to....

**III. THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE WORLD**

- A. What are the “Basic Principles of this World?” (see Colossians 2:20-23).
  - What are those Regulations? Paul said, “Do NOT Touch, DO NOT Taste, DO NOT Handle!”
  - We understand that the children of Israel had HANDWRITING of REQUIREMENTS that were Commanded for them to keep, *however*, Christ took it out of the way (Colossians 2:14).
  - Now Paul makes a STRONG statement in verse 16, “So let No One JUDGE you.” NO MAN has the right to IMPOSE on you what Christ has set us FREE from, and in this case, the LAW of Moses was NAILED to the Cross and ALL the Requirements that came with it!
  - Romans 6:14, “...for you are NOT under LAW, but under GRACE!”
  - But what were those things that Paul declared that NO ONE should Judge us on? (see Colossians 2:16). (1) Food or in Drink! In Leviticus 11:2-47, God commanded what animals were to be eaten and those to avoid. *However*, TODAY, 1 Timothy 4:4-5 the Bible tells us, “For EVERY Creature of God is GOOD....” So, if you want to try your palate with monkey, snake, dogs or cats, feel free to, NO ONE can JUDGE you in what you desire to EAT, Or NOT eat, those requirements have been LIFTED in Christ Jesus! (cf. Romans 14:2-3, 13). (2). Festivals, New Moons and Sabbaths.

- Just like the Food and Drink regulations, the Festivals, New Moon and Sabbaths were only given to the Children of Israel, (Deuteronomy 5:12), AND NOT for the Observance of Christians today!
  - Then God said He would put an END to these things in Hosea 2:11. And when did it end? See Colossians 2:14.
- B. Let NO ONE Cheat you of your Reward (Colossians 2:18-19)
- How did Paul say that one can be cheated out of their reward of Eternal Life?
    - (a) Taking DELIGHT in False Humilities
      - MANY False Teachers beguile their followers by coming across as being humble in their religious approach! Now, we are commanded to be humble (James 4:10), but false teachers humility is false (cf. Matthew 6:5).
    - (b) Worship of Angels
      - MANY False Teachers Humility is found in their “Worship of Angels!”
      - Now, we should ALREADY know NOT to “Worship Angels”! (see Revelation 22:8-9).
      - As Christians, we are NOT to WORSHIP Angels, Statues, People, Animals, Jobs, Houses, Cars, Vacations, NOTHING - But - GOD!
      - But, how can a person worship their job? (Matthew 6:24). NOTHING should come before our service and Worship to God! “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (v.21).
- C. Intruding things he has NOT seen vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind (Colossians 2:18).
- How can a man “Worship an Angel” that he has NEVER seen?
  - There are many people in our world today that will SWEAR you up and down that they have seen an angel....I beg to differ! (see Hebrews 13:1-2).
  - There is NO SUCH THING as ANYONE Physically SEEING an Angel today!
  - In verses 1 & 2, we are told, “Let brotherly love continue....Do not forget to entertain strangers....” This is to our brethren AND those who are outside of the Lord’s church!
  - How do we know this? (Galatians 6:10).
  - Now, here is the part that people are confused on....The B-clause of Hebrews 13:2, the Hebrew writer said, “for by doing so, SOME HAVE unwittingly entertained angels.” The Hebrew writer is pointing BACK to the SOME (which is Abraham in Genesis chapter 18) and Lot (Genesis chapter 19), then he says, “HAVE,” which is past tense that points us back and in this case, it was Abraham and Lot!
  - So, NO ONE today have seen an Angel, and allow me to tell you why, God has given us EVERYTHING that pertains to life and godliness! (2 Peter 1:3). We have THE FAITH, the completed word of God (Jude 3), there is no need for messengers (Angels) today!

#### IV. HOW DO WE UNDERSTAND WILL WORSHIP

- A. It is “Worship” according to MY WILL and NOT God’s will!
- A perfect exemplar of “Will Worship” is Jeroboam! In Judges 17:6, the Bible tells us, “In those days there was no king in Israel; EVERYONE did what was Right in his Own Eyes.”
- B. Jeroboam changed the way of the Lord (see 1 Kings 11:38; 12:25-32).
- God handed the kingdom over to Jeroboam with restrictions (1 Kings 11:38). Jeroboam did not heed God’s instructions! He COMPLETELY changed the Way of God and Presented worship HIS WAY! He changed the centers of Worship, the Object of Worship (The “Golden Calf’s” were the object now)! He changed the TIME, God instituted the 15th day of the 7th month, (according to Leviticus 23:33-34) BUT Jeroboam changed it to the 15th day of the 8th month! He went so far as to appoint priest of men that were NOT of the sons of Levi, FORGET what God commanded in Numbers 3:10! This is what we call, “Will Worship”.
  - We CANNOT change the way God has instructed us to worship Him, Regardless of the PEOPLE, CULTURE or TIME, (the FIRST day of the week is our commanded time of corporate Worship, NOT Saturday or any other day of the week)! Let us hold true to God and His words. Be encouraged brethren.