

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

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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

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

We have HOPE
Romans 5:1-5

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, 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** family lost their daughter Kira. Let us keep them in our prayers.
- ▶ **Anita Berger** is in need of our prayer for test result on her back and for the doctors to give her help to relieve the pain.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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** mom is in need of prayer for difficulties with her medication!

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

☑ Traveling

Sis. Pudgy

☑ 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.

Kaitlyn Hunter was baptized on September 15th. Let us keep her in prayer for strength and faithfulness.

“We have HOPE”
Romans 5:1-5
By
Melvin J. Bryant II

There are a lot of things we have “HOPE” for in this life. But what are some things that we “Hope” for? We HOPE for a healthy and prosperous life for ourselves and our family! We HOPE that our children would be faithful to God and that they remain true to Him until the very end! We HOPE for our children who are NOT in the Lord or who are no longer faithful that they will commit themselves to His will! We have HOPE that disease(s) like Cancer and Aids and other deadly diseases can be irritated from the world and the HURT it causes so many families. Some HOPE to be married one day with children! And, for us who are married, we HOPE for a continual successful marriage! Some folk hope for Jobs, (or job promotions), Homes, Cars, and a host of other things! For the Christian, we have HOPE that one day we can see God and be with Him in eternity forever! There is SO MUCH that we “Hope” for in this life!

I. HOPE

- A. **BDAG** defines “Hope” as, “To look forward to something, with implication of confidence about something coming to pass, hope (to) hope for....to rely on trust.” (BDAG pg. 319).
- B. **Louw & Nida** defines it as, “To look forward with confidence to that which is good and beneficial—‘to hope, to hope for, hope.’” (Louw & Nida, Vol. 1, p. 295).
- C. **Strong's** defines it as, “to anticipate, usually with pleasure, expectation (abstract or concrete) or confidence, faith, hope. To expect or confide, have things hope for, to trust.” (vol. 1 pg. 27).
 - “HOPE” is inseparable from FAITH! *In other words*, our HOPE is so confident that we EXPECT to receive what we HOPE for! Now, ONE of the most important things that we ought to have “Hope” in is....We ought to have;

II. HOPE IN THE WORD OF GOD

- A. God’s WORD gives us HOPE! (see Psalms 130:5).
 - *Regardless* of what we are going through, God’s word is the catalyst of HOPE! We are CHILDREN of God and there is NO reason why any one of us should feel that we have NO HOPE because God’s word gives us “HOPE”! Psalms 16:9, our SOUL rest in HOPE! Psalms 147:11 tells us that HOPE of the righteous will be Gladness!
- B. We should NOT be ashamed of that HOPE (see Psalms 119:116)!
 - There are TWO things we can draw out from this text.
 - (1) God’s word gives LIFE! (see John 6:52-63 emphasis on).
 - As a side note, in context, this is NOT referring to communion! This is referring to the Lord giving His flesh for the entire world when He DIED on the cross of Calvary! So, it is figurative - MEANING that we are to feast on the spiritual Word of God DAILY!
 - God’s WORD gives life! Obedience to God’s Word offers Eternal Life!
 - (2) God does NOT want us to be ASHAMED of that HOPE! (see Luke 9:26).
 - We have HOPE in the Words of God and we should NEVER be ashamed of that HOPE that is in us!
- C. There is an afterlife that we HOPE for (Proverbs 23:18)!
 - John 3:16, Luke 23:43; John14:2.
 - We have HOPE in an afterlife and our HOPE will NOT be cut off if we continue to feast on the Word of God!
- D. There is HOPE in God (Lamentation 3:24).
 - Nothing in life is more important that our confidence in God and His words!

