

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

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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: 8
Bible Class: 12
Worship: 18
Wednesday: 13
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




What’s your Legacy?

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

(JAMES 5:16)

- ▶ **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 that his health will improve.
- ▶ **The Webb's** family and daughter Kira is in need of continual prayers.
- ▶ **Garrison Ihle**, the 5 month old baby of some friends of the Johnsons will be having open heart surgery on September 3rd to repair a birth defect. Please keep him and his family in our prayers.
- ▶ **Carolyn** had hip replacement surgery and is in need of our continual prayer.
- ▶ **Jerry Barber** was admitted into the hospital last week for a blood clot on his lung. Let us pray that he can recover.
- ▶ **Ann Phillips** is still in need of 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.

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

☑ 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.

“What LEGACY Are You Leaving?”

Philippians 2:1-11

By

Melvin J. Bryant II

In Proverbs 3:35, the Bible tells us, “The WISE shall inherit Glory, But SHAME shall be the LEGACY of fools!” There is something telling about this verse because; (1) God wants us to be WISE! Proverb 10:8 tells us, “The WISE in heart will RECEIVE commands, but a prating fool will fall.” So, “IF” we want to be WISE (that is having good judgment) and inherit Glory, we will RECEIVE the commandments of God and NOT deviate from them! In Ephesians 5:17, the Bible tells us, “Therefore do NOT be UNWISE, (do not be one who does not have Good Judgment) but UNDERSTAND what the Will of the Lord is.” So, we are COMMANDED NOT to be UNWISE! And; (2) God tells us that SHAME shall be the “Legacy” of Fools! But, why would the Legacy of Fools be a “SHAME”? Obvious, they are NOT Wise according to God, AND; according to Proverbs 10:8, they choose NOT to receive God's commands! That WOULD make a person foolish!

I. WHAT IS LEGACY?

- A. Webster's Dictionary defines “Legacy” as, “anything handed down from the past, as from an ancestor or predecessor.”
- This past week, Nike, the world renown shoe brand announced that they will be naming their newest Advanced Innovation Building after the Basketball star LeBron James! He will be leaving a LEGACY here for many generation after his departure.
 - Tyler Perry (a movie mogul here in Atlanta) has an exit named after him because of his many accomplishments! And, I don't know how many Martin Luther King Jr. drives there are in our country! Some people are still here with us today and others have long gone! These people have left their LEGACY on society church, And, let me add here....there is NOTHING wrong with leaving a positive legacy of what you did that impacted society so that something is left here for you to be remembered by! BUT keep this in mind, and let this sink down in your ears....These “Legacies” means NOTHING absent a relationship with God and you and I doing His will!
 - I can ASSURE you that God will NOT grant LeBron James, Tyler Perry, MLK Jr., JF Kennedy or ANYONE else an entrance to heaven “IF” they do NOT obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!
 - Jesus DIED for the equality for ALL of mankind and HE should be honored more than ANY MAN that has ever placed foot on the earth! He ALONE is the propitiation for our sins and not for ours only, but ALSO for the Whole World! (1 John 2:2)!
- B. One can leave a “Legacy” of doing the wrong thing(s) against the will of God! (see Mark 7:1-13).
- The JEWS had a Tradition, of washing their hands that was handed down from their fathers to sons and NOT what was delivered in the writings of the Law of Moses which came from God! The Pharisees and scribes were trying to BIND their tradition that was handed down by the elders! This was their “Legacy”!
 - Jesus told them in verse 13 that they were, “making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have HANDED DOWN. And many such things you do.”
 - Don't you know the people we come in contact with can be apart of our legacy! How we treat them, how we conduct ourselves in this ole world is all part of our legacy we leave behind!

- C. Parents can leave a “BAD LEGACY” for their children! (see 1 Kings 15:25-26)!
 - Parents have to be careful that their children don’t pick up their sinful ways that continues to separates them from God!
 - The WORSE “Legacy” a parent can leave their children is NOT teaching them the commandments of the Lord!
 - “IF” you’re an alcoholic, MOST TIMES, your child(ren) will become one!
 - “IF” you’re in a denomination, then MOST TIMES your child will grow up in that same denomination too!
 - “IF” you’re NOT reading your Bible, setting a positive example to your children about God, in worship as commanded, most times, they won’t read NOR have an understanding about God!
 - In the Old letter, God commanded parents to teach that law diligently to their children (Deuteronomy 6:7-9)!
 - How much MORE shall we teach our children the commandments of the Lord in the New Testament so that they will BENEFIT from the “Legacy of the Lord!” (cf. Ephesians 6:4)!
 - You know how many parents have FAILED their children regarding this?
 - They will teach them to be Professional Athletes, To be successful in a field of study according to the Wisdom of this World! BUT MOST PARENTS, and we know this, don’t have regular Bible studies with their children!
 - So, ask yourself.... “What LEGACY are you leaving”????
 - Jeroboam left a BAD LEGACY for his son Nadab and he followed suit!
 - We want to....

II. LEAVE A MEMORABLE LEGACY

- A. Mary who anointed the feet of Jesus left an everlasting legacy! (see Matthew 26:6-13)!
- B. Dorcas (or Tabatha) was a woman of Good Works and left an everlasting LEGACY on the church in Joppa! (Acts 9:36-43)!
- C. Jason left a “Legacy” to be remembered! (see Acts 17:5-9)!
 - So, it doesn’t matter how insignificant you may feel you are, YOU can leave an impressionable “Legacy” for generations to come by your LOVE for the Brethren!
 - YOUR Good Works and Charitable Deeds!
 - YOUR commitment in serving God!
 - How your LIGHT shines before men and they will remember how faithful you were and committed to the cause of Christ!
 - How HOSPITABLE you are toward the brethren!
 - What will your Legacy be?
 - What “LEGACY” are you leaving?
 - How would you want to be remembered?
 - Be encouraged brethren, until the last Amen....

Sermon Notes
