

THE GOSPEL TRUTH

Hiram Church of Christ

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LARGE ENOUGH TO SERVE YOU AND SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU

"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:** Clarence Proctor
- Lord's Table:** Melvin Bryant III

- Message:** Melvin J. Bryant II
- Closing Prayer:** Devin Bryant

Attendance

- Morning Hour:** TBA
- Bible Class:** TBA
- Worship:** TBA
- Wednesday:** 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 - Luke 14:25-33)
- ★ Confess - Matthew 10:32-33
- ★ Be Baptized - Matthew 28:18-20
- ★ Live a FAITHFUL life until death - Revelation 2:10



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), Ron McCurry (shut in-visits requested), Amy Brown, Polly Tunstall (Amy's mother), Ann Phillips, Harold and Dean Reeves, Vera Patrick, Mary Troup, Joanie Saporito, Patty Dale, Daniel Welker (kidney transplant), Al Gattis (COPD), Ben Westbrooks (leukemia) Mary Brock.

Continued Prayers Needed

Jamie Franklin, Charlie Griffin, the Webb Family, Ron McCurry. Sis. Pudgy son Art.

PRAYER REQUESTS

(JAMES 5:16)

- ▶ **Alma Lismore**, Bro. Bryant's grandmother is in hospice and has been given under 30 days to live. Let us keep his family in our prayers.
- ▶ **Baby Luke Jackson** and family is in need of prayer as he continues to undergo testing and recovery from surgeries.
- ▶ **Artemas Holloway** lost his brother. Let us keep him and his family in prayers.
- ▶ **Sis Penny** has asked that we keep her in prayers.
- ▶ **Deborah Abdul** asked prayers for her mom, Emlyn Potts regarding health related issues, and her cousin Brandon Potts.
- ▶ **Dene Reeves** is in need of our continual prayers.
- ▶ **Mary Brock** has asked that we keep her in prayer.
- ▶ **JoAnne Proctor** is in need of continual prayers.
- ▶ **Kilwonia Chandler** is still having complication from her surgery. Let us continue to keep her in prayer.
- ▶ **Jerry Barber** is in need of prayers as he will be going to court to seek justice regarding the murder of his son.
- ▶ **Wes Mangan** is in need of prayer fro his grandparents regarding health issues.
- ▶ **Joe Ceasar** and the O'Quinn St. Church of Christ in our prayers.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

☑ August Birthdays

Dean Reeves - 8th
Mary Troup - 11th
Pudgy Parson - 18th
Harold Reeves - 31st

☑ Anniversaries

Kwame & Deborah Abdul - 17th

☑ Hiram Church News

The ladies are conducting a class each third Monday of the month. All women are encouraged to attend.

Make plans to stay for the last Sunday fellowship meal.

☑ Baptisms

Josiah Johnson was baptized on January 1, 2020! Let us rejoice and encourage our new brother in Christ!

☑ Local Church News

☑ National Church News

BCS Church of Christ in College Station, Texas had their 4th annual Men's Development conference and it was a success! Let us pray for the efforts of developing our young men to be Strong men of God!

☑ World Church News

☑ Traveling

"The Prophecy, Promise And Fulfillment of the Lord's Church" (Part II)

Matthew 16:13-18"

By

Melvin J. Bryant II

Last week, we established that Jesus is the "Author" (the FOUNDER) of the New Testament church! He is the One that God commanded to build His church! The reason this can be confirmed is because of passages like John 12:49-50! Then we found the authorization of Jesus promising to build His church in Matthew 16:18! Jesus PROMISED to build HIS church and that church came into existence on the day of Pentecost in Acts chapter 2, the reason why this is confirmed Biblically is because of passages like Acts 2:47 where the Bible tells us, "praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."

We also established that:

- ☑ Jesus is the Only ONE that was Prophesied about in the Old Testament as the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Christ (Psalms 45:5-7; Hebrews 1:9)!
- ☑ That FULFILLMENT is confirmed in Acts 10:38, "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." And;
- ☑ He's the ONLY one that was ANOINTED by His Father God to build a church and NO OTHER MAN has that Authority (cf. John 12:49-50)!
 - This morning I would like to establish;

I. THE PROPHECY OF THE LORD'S CHURCH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

A. There is no doubt that the Lord's church is prophesied in the Old Testament!
(see **Isaiah 2:1-3**).

- These THREE (3) passages is LOADED with Prophecies!
 - (1) In verse ONE, the Bible tells us, "The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem."
 - ☞ This verse is SO IMPORTANT and should be understood as such that God gave it to TWO different prophets! (see **Micah 4:1-2**). They spoke the same thing!
 - ☞ The parallel thought for us today is that we are commanded to speak the same things and to have NO division among us (1 Corinthians 1:10 cf. Philippians 4:2).
 - ☞ *However*, in the WORLD of Christendom there is NOTHING BUT Religious Division and Religious Confusion!

For instance:

- "IF" you go to the Catholic Church, they will tell you that the Pope is the Father! *However*, Jesus tells us in Matthew 23:9, RELIGIOUSLY "Do not call anyone on earth your father; for ONE is your FATHER, He who is in heaven."
- Who are we to Listen and Hear? The Catholics or Jesus (John 10:27)!
- Jehovah Witnesses will say that Jesus is NOT God, BUT; what does the scriptures say? (John 1:1-2, 14 cf. Revelation 19:13)! Jesus is called God and before God the Father, there was NO God formed, nor shall there be AFTER Him (Isaiah 43:10)!
- (2) The Prophecy of the Lord's House was to take place in the "Latter Days"! (see **Acts 2:14-17**).
 - ☞ *In addition*, Joel chapter 2:28 speaks and tells us that God was going to pour out His Spirit (and when), "...it shall come to PASS Afterwards" (simply meaning, it shall come to pass in the Latter Days)!

☞ The prophecy of Isaiah, Micah and Joel regarding the “Latter Days” were fulfilled in Acts 2:16-17!

(3) The Mountain of the Lord’s HOUSE shall be established on the top of the mountains;

☞ Now, we come to the ESTABLISHMENT of the church! The Mountain of the Lord’s House being Established! But; FIRST, What is the Lord’s House? (see **Psalms 127:1**)!

☞ Unless the Lord BUILDS His House, Unless the Lord builds His Church, (His Followers, His Believers), those who builds their own (house/church) labor in VAIN who build it!

☞ But; we need to find our what is the Lord’s House and what is it called in the New Testament! (see **1 Timothy 3:14-15**)!

☞ The HOUSE the Lord built TIES into Matthew 16:18 where the Lord said, “**Upon this rock I will build MY Church and the gates of hades shall not prevail against IT,**”

☞ Psalms 127 tells us, “**Unless the Lord builds the HOUSE, (the Church) they labor in VAIN who build it**”. And;

☞ The Lord’s HOUSE, (the House of God) in Isaiah 2:3 and Micah 4:2 is referring to the CHURCH, the ONLY ONE prophesied about and Fulfilled in the New Testament which is the Church of God (Acts 20:28) or referred to as the Church of Christ (Romans 16:16)!

☞ *Therefore*, the Lord’s HOUSE is the Lord’s CHURCH according to 1 Timothy 3:15!

- So, the Prophecy of Isaiah and Micah and Joel tells us;
 - (a) The Lord’s House will be established in the “Latter Days” which was Fulfilled in Acts 2:16-17!
 - (b) All NATIONS shall flow unto it (“IT” is the Lord’s House, the Lord’s church) which was Fulfilled in Acts 2:5,39!
 - (c) Jesus is the Founder of His House, His Church, And; the Prophecy tells us that;

(4) He will TEACH us HIS ways! (see **Deuteronomy 18:15,17-20**)

☞ Deuteronomy 18:15 ties into John 12:49-50, to Jesus!

☞ He’s that Prophet God and Moses is referring to! (see also **Acts 2:22-26**)!

- We are to HEAR Jesus in ALL things, (including His church) WHATSOEVER He says (v.22)!
- If ANYONE will NOT Heed Jesus words, we will be utterly destroyed (v.23)!
- The Spiritual Application of this means, “IF” AND OF US will NOT HEED to the Word’s of Jesus in EVERYTHING, (from Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage, to Worship, to EVERYTHING) you shall be ETERNALLY LOST!
- Isaiah, Micah, Joel and others FORETOLD of these days (v.24)!
- And, in verse 26, God RAISED His Servant Jesus to bless and turn us away from our iniquities!

II. THE WORD OF THE LORD WAS TO COME FROM JERUSALEM

A. There are congregations that started with their own names from different areas of this world!

- The Methodist started in England!
- Historians trace the earliest Baptist church back to 1609 in Amsterdam!
- Seventh Day Adventist started in Battle Creek Michigan and so on....
- ALL denominations carry their OWN names with their OWN founders with NO Authority from God, but;
- Who did God choose? (Hebrews 1:9)!
- Who did God give His Words to (Deuteronomy 18:15ff)!
- Who did God commission to die for the sins of the World? (John 3:16)!
- The prophets foretold that the Word of the Lord was to begin in Jerusalem and that LAW (the word of God) went forth from Jerusalem in Acts 2:14-36!
- Be encouraged brethren until the Last Amen....