

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: Devin Bryant
Second Prayer: Clarence Proctor
Lord's Table: Melvin Bryant III

Message: Melvin J. Bryant II
Closing Prayer: David Bean

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

DEUTERONOMY 32:4

DEUTERONOMY

He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

GOD
IS FAITHFUL



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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

(JAMES 5:16)

- ▶ **Carolyn Watson** daughter Jetaun Watson had side affects to medication prescribes and is going through rehab! Let's keep her lifted in prayers.
- ▶ **Deborah Abdul** asked prayers for her mom, Emlyn Potts regarding health related issues, and her cousin Brandon Potts.
- ▶ **Isharah Macon** and family are in need of prayers! Several family members tested positive for Covid-19, Hannah, Ferah and Kaelah.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Todd Bryant** came forward last week asking for prayers regarding his family.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

☑ June Birthdays

Kilwonia Chandler - 6th
Melvin J. Bryant II - 11th
Asia Chandler - 22nd

☑ Anniversaries

Kenneth & Vera Patrick - 3rd
Clarence & Jo-Ann Proctor - 10th
Anthony & Joanie Saporito - 15th

☑ 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

“GOD, OUR FAITHFUL FATHER FIGURE”

Deuteronomy 32:5; 1 Corinthians 1:9

By

Melvin J. Bryant II

The first time we see the word “Father” in the Bible is found in Genesis 2:24 where God said, “**Therefore a man shall leave his FATHER and Mother and be JOINED to his Wife, and they shall become ONE Flesh.**” It is apparent to us that Adam and Eve didn’t have parents as we have since it is stated that “Eve is the ‘Mother’ of ALL living! (Genesis 3:20), and we can’t find the confirmation of them having parents as we have! Besides, the Bible tells us that God created them (Genesis 2:7; 21-23)! God in showing how STRONG the Marriage Relationship is to be and He knows what’s best for the Family Structure and has put parameters in place the Family dynamic to function in a manner conducive to the development for a successful family outcome! Now, the word;

I. FATHER

- A. It’s a name applied to God!
 - Deuteronomy 32:6, “Do you thus deal with the Lord, O foolish and unwise people? Is He not your FATHER, who bought you? Has He not MADE you and ESTABLISH you?”
- B. God is the “FATHER” of ALL Flesh! (see **Numbers 16:22** cf. 27:16; Hebrews 12:9).
 - So, whether you’re in the church or outside the church, God is the Father, the creator of ALL flesh!
- C. The name “Father” can be attributed to man! (cf. Genesis 17:5-6).
- D. “Father” can also be fulfilled in the “Invention or Creation” of something!
 - Of Jabal, the “father” of those who dwell in tents and have livestock (Genesis 4:20).
 - Of Jubal the “father” of all who play the harp and flute (Genesis 4:21).
 - We would liken it to the late Steve Jobs being the “father” to the “iPhone!”
 - When Jesus was speaking to the religious leaders of His day, He mentioned another “father” of something. The “father” of lies (John 8:44)!
- E. “Father” can be attributed to Man by way of Parent, *that is*, biological by offspring (cf. Matthew 4:21; Genesis 15:4)!

II. GOD HAS THE AUTHORITY TO TELL MAN HOW TO BE A HUSBAND AND FATHER!

- A. “Man” is a byproduct of their own demise!
 - When man becomes WISE in their own eyes, (Proverbs 3:7), And they don’t fear God and depart from evil, it will ALWAYS produce SIN from what God originally planned for the balance of the family structure! Notice the structure of God!
 - (1) Man (Adam, from the beginning) had a Job! (see **Genesis 2:15**)!
 - Before he was married to Eve, Adam had a Job, he tend and kept the garden!
 - Besides, the Bible declares, “If ANYONE will not work, neither shall he eat” (2 Thessalonians 3:10)!
 - (2) Man gets Married! (see Genesis 2:23-25!)
 - In marriage, the TWO (Male and Female) become ONE flesh!
 - Two men NOR Two women can NEVER become ONE Flesh according to how God designed it!

As a side note: Both Adam and Eve were children of God BEFORE satan had any children in the world! God’s STRUCTURE is for His Male children to marry His Female children!

- In addition: Adam had a relationship with God! He was in direct communication with God as God instructed him to work (Genesis 2:15), name the animals (Genesis 2:20), and to abide by His commandments (Genesis 2:17). Adam was a child of God!
 - So, ladies, (sisters) before a man FINDS you, make sure he has an OBEDIENT Faithful Relationship with God FIRST by following God's commandments and then he should know how to LOVE you as God commands!
 - And, men, "IF" you don't have a JOB, and can't take care of that "Good thing" that WOMAN, (Proverbs 18:22) don't try to put a ring on it if you don't plan on taking care of her for a lifetime!
- (3) After the man is Married, he is to have children in the confinements of God's Biblical Structure! (see **Genesis 4:1-2**)!
- God has produced for us HOW the Family Dynamic is to be portrayed in the Human Experience!
 - We can't orchestrate our own structure and EXPECT God to approve of it, that's completely iniquitous, that's asinine!

For instance:

- You meet a couple and after getting somewhat acquainted, you ask, "*How long have you guys been married*"? And they say, "*Oh, we're not married!*" BUT; they have 3 or 4 children! This Family Structure is OUTSIDE of how God designed the Biblical Family!
 - *Nonetheless*, do we see the Biblical Family Structure on how God designed it from the beginning?!
- B. God's desire is for the His children to marry each other and raise Godly Offspring (Malachi 2:15; see **Ezra 9:1-4**).
- God has orchestrated the Family Home, He knows what best for the proper development of it!
 - God has no desire for His children to willfully mix in marriages with children of this world!
 - The will produce "Holy Seed" with the "Peoples of this World," Bible calls it a SIN! (v.2 and 4).

III. GOD COMMANDS THE MAN TO BE THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD

- A. God has put some Great Responsibilities on the man (1 Corinthians 11:3)!
- First: He needs to know how to LOVE his wife (Ephesians 5:25-29)!
 - Love here is, "*to have affection for, to take pleasure in, prove one's love.*" (BDAG pg. 5)."
 - Second: We're commanded to LOVE her as our own body! (verse 28)!
 - If I desire to buy myself new clothes and put them on this ole body, then my wife should look just as good, or even better than me!
- B. We are to DWELL with them with Understanding (see **1 Peter 3:7**)!
- Happy Wife, Happy Life, that's your text, 1 Peter 3:7!

IV. GOD THE FATHER TAUGHT HIS SON

- A. God instructed Jesus with commands! (see **John 12:49-50**)!
- This was prophesied back in Deuteronomy 18:18-19!
 - God taught His Son, WHAT to say when He came to earth and we ought to teach our Sons and Daughters what God requires! Jesus tells us the doctrine is not His (John 7:16)!
- B. God was PERFECT in what He taught His Son, and what Jesus saw! (see **John 5:19**)!
- We have to be CAREFUL (Men) what we teach our sons (our daughters)!
 - "IF" they see that you're not loving toward your wife NOR them, they will "most times" grow up with a dismissive behavior and blame it on not being loved by you as a child!
 - They will say things like, "*My dad never told my mom he loved her, and he never told me that he loved me,*" and they will carry that same demeanor into their family because they feel it's unnecessary! If you teach your son to be an alcoholic, womanizer, lazy and not working, he becomes a byproduct of what you are!
- C. Jesus KNEW His Father LOVED Him (see **John 12:20**)!
- God is Faithful, He is the Perfect image of how Father's ought to be! Until the last Amen!