

# 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 a 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





**Announcement:** Matt Johnson  
**First Prayer:** Matt Johnson  
**Song Leader:** Kwame Abdul  
**Second Prayer:** Jeff Kirkland  
**Lord's Table:** Clarence Proctor  
 Devin Bryant  
**Message:** Melvin J. Bryant II  
**Third Prayer:** Alex Johnson

**Missions:** India & Child Haven

### Attendance

**Morning Hour:** 21  
**Bible Class:** 37  
**Worship:** 47  
**Wednesday:** 21  
**Contribution:** \$TBA

### Service Each Lord's Day - Weekly

-  The Morning Hour - 9:00am
-  Bible Class 10:00am
-  Morning Worship 11:00am
-  Wed. Evening Bible Classes 7:30pm

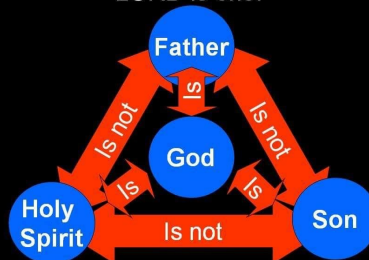
### The Morning Hour

- Announcements
- Prayer
- Song
- 25 Minute Study - Rightly Dividing
- Card Writing/Mail Outs
- Prepare for 10:00am Bible Class

## 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

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 Suraez, Ron McCurry (shut in-visits requested), Polly Tunstall (Amy's mother), Amy Brown, Ameena Redic, Ann Phillips, Harold and Dean Reeves, Potts/Williams family, Kilwonia Chandler, Barbara Helton, Vera Patrick, Mary Troup, Joanie, Kitty (Dawn's Aunt - stomach problems), Charlie Griffin, Patty Dale, Daniel Welker (kidney transplant), Al Gattis (COPD), Shirley Glosson (radiation), Heather Houle (Asher's former teacher – brain cancer).

## PRAYER REQUEST

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- ▶ **The Johnsons** Matt's parents are traveling back from India so that his father can undergo some medical testing. Let us keep them in our prayers.
- ▶ **Don Walker** passed away. Let us keep his wife, children, family and friends in prayer.
- ▶ **Brad and Doranda** is in need of prayer as they have to make some decisions about relocating.
- ▶ **Ameena** has made it back home safely. Let us continue to pray her recovery.
- ▶ **Ben Westbrook**, Becky's father has Leukemia. Let us keep him in prayer.
- ▶ **Patty** is at home from the Floyd Polk Medical Rehab center and is doing well.
- ▶ **Dene Huckaby** is still recovering from surgery, continue to pray for her.
- ▶ **Dean** is at home and doing much better.
- ▶ **Mary Brock** has asked continued prayers for her daughters.
- ▶ **Mary Troup** is having to use a walker to get around so she doesn't fall. She's had several test to see why her legs are not functioning well. Keep her in prayer.
- ▶ **Ann Phillips** is still in need of prayer.
- ▶ **Ron McCurry** new number is 404-313-5288. He would appreciate calls.
- ▶ **Erica** has been ill and is in need of prayer for her overall health. She appreciates everyone calling and checking in on her.

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

### ✔ February Birthday's

Jeff - 4th

### ✔ Local Church News.

### ✔ Traveling.

### ✔ Hiram Church of Christ News.

Let us keep James Munsell in our prayers. He was added to the Lord on two Sunday's ago. 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 God. Let us pray that the Lord will open her heart to heed the things spoken.



We will have our Potluck dinners on each last Sunday of the month.



## **“Worship...God” Part II**

**John 4:23-24**

**By**

**Melvin J. Bryant II**

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*Last week*, it was established that the Bible speaks of the “Godhead”, and that the “Godhead” is defined as, “the state of being God, Divine Character, Divine in Nature, Deity.” (BDAG pg. 452).” We find the WORD “Godhead” which CAN’T be denied, in Romans 1:20 and Colossians 2:8. There is ONE God, *however*, according to the Bible, there are THREE Persons in the Godhead.

- (1) We have the Father: (John 6:27)
- (2) We have the Son (Jesus): (Hebrews 1:8-9) And;
- (3) We have the Holy Spirit: (Acts 5:3-4)

- The “Godhead” consist of only THREE Persons, and; NO ONE ELSE!
- The Devil is NOT Deity! The Angels are NOT Deity! Mankind is NOT Deity! The ONLY Persons that is apart of Deity, the “Godhead” is, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit! (cf. Matthew 28:19; Ephesians 4:4-6; 2 Corinthians 13:14). The Bible speaks of the Godhead!

### **I. TRUE WORSHIPERS WILL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN PRAYER (Matthew 6:7)**

- A. There were MULTITUDES of people following Jesus, and the Multitude did not only consist of Jews, there were Gentiles in the Multitudes as well!
  - In Matthew 4:25, the Bible tells us, “Great multitudes followed Him (that is, followed Jesus ;-)  
—from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.”
  - Even Galilee is mentioned, and it was prophesied that Gentiles would have that light to shine upon them. (Matthew 4:12-17 cf. Isaiah 9:1-2).
  - The people came from ALL over the place, And; the GENTILES were apart of the Multitudes.
  - Jesus was the light of the World (John 8:12 cf. Ephesians 5:14).
- B. When it comes to “Prayer,” we can’t offer to God what Jesus didn’t command.
  - We can’t offer to God what Jesus did NOT teach! (Matthew 6:7-9).
  - When Jesus was teaching the Multitudes, He commanded men, whether you were a Jew or a Gentile to PRAY saying, “Our Father in heaven...”
- C. Jesus Disciples asked Him to teach them how to Pray. (Luke 11:1-2).
  - When God sent forth His Son, He gave Him commands and told Him to teach these things to men. (John 12:49-50).
  - When the disciple asked Jesus to “teach them to pray”, Jesus said, “When you PRAY, say: “Our FATHER in heaven....” IDENTIFYING who we need to address first in our prayers!
  - Those who promote the idea that we can pray to Jesus would argue that;

### **II. PAUL PRAYED TO JESUS**

- A. And, since Paul prayed to Jesus, WE have the right (by way of example) to PRAY to Jesus as well. (see 2 Corinthians 12:8-9).

- Who can argue with this? (1) Verse 8 tells us that Paul “Pleaded” with the Lord, and the Lord here is referring to Jesus. And; (2) Verse 9 tells us that the Lord ANSWERED Paul and said, “My Grace is sufficient for you, for My Strength is made Perfect in weakness.”
- *However*, here is where we are to disagree with those who hold this position about praying to Jesus!

First: Notice 2 Corinthians 12:1 in CONTEXT! “IF” Jesus taught Jews and Gentiles how to “Pray” (Matthew 6:9), and His disciples how to Pray, (Luke 11:1-2), then told His disciples in Matthew 28:20 when going into all the world to make disciples, and after men have become disciples Jesus said, “Teaching them to observe ALL things that I have commanded you...” this would be a contradiction if we can “Pray” to God the Father, Jesus, AND; the Holy Spirit as some are advocating!

- 2 Corinthians 12:1, (1) In the a-clause, he says, “It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast.” And (2) In the b-clause, he says, “I will come to **Visions** and **Revelations** of the Lord.”
- That word “Visions” is defined as, “an event in which something appears vividly and credibly to the mind, although not actually present, but implying the influence of some DIVINE or Supernatural Power or Agency—‘Vision.’” (Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. edition., Vol. 1, p. 444).”
- And, “Revelations” is defined as, “to cause something to be fully known—to reveal, to disclose, to make fully known, revelation.” (Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. Vol. 1, p. 338).”
- God allowed Paul to SEE things in Visions and revealed Revelations to him.
- What was the Vision and Revelation Paul saw? 2 Corinthians 12:2-6 explains to us! The “Vision” is in verses 2-3, and the Revelation is found in verse 4!
- By the time we get to verse 7-10, Paul explains that a thorn was given to him lest he should be exalted above measure by the ABUNDANCE of the Revelations he received from God!”
- So, YES, Paul “Pleaded” with the Lord, Jesus regarding the thorn!
- And, YES, the Lord answered Paul and spoke directly with him!
- Now, notice Jude verse 3.
- There are some things we are to keep into consideration because the church was still in its infancy stage and there were MANY things of a miraculous nature going on then as appose to now!

For Instance:

- Acts 1:24-26, the Apostles PRAYED to the Lord and the Lot fell on Matthias. (Please note: The Lord can also be a reference to God the Father.)
- Acts 7:56, Stephen saw the Lord standing on the right hand of God.
- Acts 9:1ff, the Lord met AND spoke to Paul on the road to Damascus!
- Acts 9:10-15, the Lord spoke to Ananias in a Vision!
- Acts 10:9-15, Peter has a Vision and communicated with the Lord!
- Acts 10:19, the Holy Spirit SPOKE to Peter!
- Acts 18:9-10, the Lord SPOKE to Paul in the night Vision! And guess what? NONE OF THESE THINGS ARE HAPPENING TODAY! (cf. 1 Corinthians 13:8-13)
- The signs of miracles were only to confirm the word! (Mark 16:20).
- We have NO NEED for confirmation of the word, it is complete. (James 1:25 cf. Jude 3).
- To be continued.....

SERMON NOTES

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