

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 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: Trae Webb

Lord's Table: Clarence Proctor
Melvin J 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 - 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

BIBLICAL WARNING

SUGAR-COATED PREACHING IS DANGEROUS TO YOUR SOUL.
2 Timothy 4:3-4

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, 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), Traci Bryant's family in Mississippi.

PRAYER REQUESTS

(JAMES 5:16)

- ▶ **Becky's** mom boyfriend, Randy is scheduled to have open heart surgery to repair three different problems and is in need of prayer.
- ▶ **The Webb's** daughter is doing much better with chemo treatments.
- ▶ **Carolyn** recently fractured her tibia. The doctor wanted her to use a wheelchair or walker, but she has been hobbling around with them. She has been going through other health issues as well. Please keep her in your prayers.
- ▶ **Mrs. Joanie** has not been feeling well lately. Please keep her in your prayers.
- ▶ **Mary Troup** had mouth surgery and is in need of our prayers.
- ▶ **Ann Phillips** is still in need of prayer.
- ▶ **Ron McCurry** has requested continued prayers for his son in law.
- ▶ **Erica** is in need of prayer for her overall health. She appreciates the calls and prayers. Also, she has asked that we keep her sister, Ashley in prayers.
- ▶ **Mary Brock** has requested prayers for her daughters.
- ▶ **Patty** will be going to Kansas soon for surgery.
- ▶ **Donda Gilbert and Michelle Lindley** classmates of Bro. Bryant is in need of prayer for health. Let us pray they are encouraged and there is hope in the Lord.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

☑ April Birthdays

Sariah - 1st

Mary Brock - 8th

Carolyn Watson - 25th

☑ Local Church News.

☑ Traveling.

Sis. Pudgy, Sis. Penny, Sis. Brock

☑ Patty is in Oklahoma for a while.

☑ Hiram Church of Christ News

A Potluck lunch is planned at Mr. Ron's on Wednesday. His son-in-law had surgery.

Fellowship dinner is the last Sunday of each month.

“When the TRUTH becomes TROUBLE from Within and Without”

1 Kings 18:17-18

By

Melvin J. Bryant II

THE GOSPEL TRUTH - HIRAM CHURCH OF CHRIST

We have SEVERAL (faithful Christians) when you STAND on the word of God you will be called (or labeled) a TROUBLER when you Preach the Truth! To some, we are “Troublers” because we TROUBLE the minds of those who are doing things contrary to the commandments of God! God has given us EVERYTHING that pertains to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). He’s shown us by way of His word who we should marry, and that’s another faithful Christian (2 Corinthians 6:14), And, why is this so? “...That the Lord might seek a godly seed” (Malachi 2:15)! He has shown us how we ought to worship every first day of the week! We ALL need to know how to explain our worship to God...We are to:

- SING: Ephesians 5:19!
- PRAY: 1 Timothy 2:8...., “I desire that the MEN pray everywhere....” MEN here is “*aner*” referring to a MAN, a MALE and NOT a female! *However*, in Matthew 4:4, Jesus said, “**It is written MAN (anthropois) shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.**” Man HERE, is referring to the whole of mankind, the human race, and NOT a male! So, MEN are to pray everywhere. We are to;
- PARTAKE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER: 1 Corinthians 11:23-30....We are to,
- GIVE: 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, And; the Preacher (who is to be a MAN - “*aner*”) is to,
- PREACH THE WORD: Paul talking to the MAN Timothy is commanded to “Preach the Word! (2 Timothy 4:1-2 cf. Acts 20:7). Those are the ACTS of “Worship” we are to engage in EVERY First Day of the Week, because we FIND them SPECIFIED in Scripture!
- *Nonetheless*, there was a king of Israel named, Ahab who called the man of God, Elijah a....

I. TROUBLER OF ISRAEL

- A. Why would King Ahab say this about the man of God?
- Ahab RULED Northern Israel for 22 years! And, being a King, he DID NOT walk in the commandments of God as he should have walked! (see 1 Kings 16:29-33).
 - God had already given His people instructions (commands) on what they could and could not do, but; Ahab clearly disregarded God’s instructions! What did he do?
1. Verse 30 tells us that he did EVIL in the sight of the Lord, MORE than ALL who were before him! This tells us that “some” people can be MORE EVIL than others (cf. Luke 13:1-5). Hitler was WORSE than Jeffery Dahmer!
 2. Verse 31 tells us that he thought it was a trivial thing (*in other words*, he thought it was of little or NO importance) for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, that he, “...that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians.” Now, God had FOREWARNED His people of the dangers of intermarrying pagans (Deuteronomy 7:3-4)! And, sadly, we have brethren in the church who would promote and support their children marrying children of the devil (1 John 3:10)! Forget the warning God has repeatedly shown us in scriptures!
 3. After marrying Jezebel, he went and served Baal and worshiped him! (Did NOT God WARN and Say this would happen?!). It was forewarned as far back as Exodus 20:3 (cf. Deuteronomy 5:7; 6:14).
 4. He set up an alter for Baal in the temple of Baal!
 5. He made idols (wooden images) and dedicated them in his idol service!
 6. He was charged with murdering Naboth for his vineyard!
 7. When another man of God (Micaiah) gave Him a message from the Lord, Ahab completely rejected it!

- So, when King Ahab saw Elijah and said to him, “Is that you, O troubler of Israel?” Elijah TOLD him, “I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father’s house have, IN THAT you have Forsaken the Commandments of the Lord and have Followed the Baals.” Elijah was called a “Troubler of Israel” because he called out the sins of Ahab, King of Judah!

B. Enemies of Israel

- There were MANY nations that troubled Israel from the outside! The Hittites, the Moabites, the Amelekites, and so many others! And, if we notice throughout the ENTIRE Old Testament, NO enemy from the outside could HARM or DEFEAT Israel “IF” they remained True to God! (see Deuteronomy 29:2-9). As long as the children of Israel Kept the Words of the Covenant of God, and DID them, they would prosper in ALL that they do, and NO enemy would be able to stand against them!
- Does this NOT remind us of James 1:25! Christ Law is the END, His word is the Perfect Law of Liberty, and it is ALL that we need to COMPLETE Us and for man to be Saved today!

C. Most time, the “enemy” comes from within God’s people!

- When God gives us marching orders, “some” of God’s elect will ELECT to opt out of doing what is commanded! Numbers chapters 13-14. Ten men, heads of their tribes brought back a BAD report!

D. Korah was an INTERNAL Problem (Numbers 16 emphasis on verses 28-33)!

- He took men, rose up before God’s elect Moses with other children of Israel, 250 to be exact, leaders of the congregation, men of renown, and they gathered against Moses and Aaron and spoke against the commandments of God (verse 3)! God had chosen Moses (Exodus 3:12), *however*, Korah didn’t want to obey the voice of the Lord from the mouth of Moses!
- Now, here is the DANGER of some fathers LEADING their family astray, these men REJECTED the commandments of God and their families were lead to destructions! Even if it calls for you to ABANDON your husband instructions when he is against the Lord, (men) you wife, your children, your land, you need to STICK with the word of God! What did Jesus say in Matthew 10:37?!
- The point is, the ENEMY does not always come from OUTSIDE, the ENEMY can be within the Body of Christ, within the Church of Christ!

II. WHEN ONE CAN TROUBLE THE CONGREGATION (Joshua 7:25)!

A. Achan, he was an Internal Problem to the children of Israel! (Joshua 6:18; 7; 1 Chronicles 2:7)!

- God told them NOT to take of the accursed things in Joshua 6:18!
- We find that Achan TOOK of those things, DISREGARDING the Word of God!
- ONE man can trouble an entire Congregation!
- But you know.....

III. TROUBLE CAN BE A GOOD THING

A. Paul and Silas “Troubled” the city with the Gospel of Truth! (Acts 16:16-23).

- They went in and taught the Gospel and in doing so, TROUBLED the city!
- We need to REACH OUT to ALL of Hiram FIRST, and Trouble the city with the Gospel, then the entire world! So, “Trouble” can be a GOOD thing when we Proclaim the Gospel within our City and in the World!

B. We need to be those who turn the world upside down with the Gospel Truth (Acts 17:6).

- Be encouraged, and stay encouraged brethren.....

Sermon Notes
