

# 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

MINISTER: MELVIN J. BRYANT II

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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:** Kwame Abdul

**Second Prayer:** Devin Bryant

**Lord’s Table:** Clarence Proctor  
Melvin 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

Lions in the Street!

Proverb 22:13  
Proverb 26:13



# 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, 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).

## PRAYER REQUESTS

(JAMES 5:16)

- ▶ **Kwame** is requesting for prayers for his citizenship. Let us pray that all goes well with it.
- ▶ **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 in continual prayers for improved health results.
- ▶ **Carolyn** had hip replacement surgery and is experiencing some difficulties, let us keep her in prayer.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Sis. Arnold** has requested prayers for her niece who has aggressive stage 3 cancer.
- ▶ **Sis. Cruise** has some serious health issues and is in need of prayer.
- ▶ **Don Blackwell** executive director of GBN and minister/elder for the Southaven church of Christ is in continual prayers.

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

### ☑ June Birthdays

Traci Bryant - July 1st  
 Ron Mc Curry - 6th  
 Alex Johnson - 20th

### ☑ Anniversaries

Kenneth & Vera Patrick, 3rd  
 Clarence & JoAnn, 10th  
 Anthony & Joanie, 15th

### ☑ Local Church News

### ☑ World Church News

### ☑ Traveling.

Patty is in Oklahoma for a while.

### ☑ Hiram Church of Christ News

Sister Carolyn had surgery on May 20, 2019, let us keep her in prayers for a successful recovery.

Fellowship dinner is the last Sunday of each month.

# "There is a Fierce Lion in the Street" (When Doubt is Planted in Unbelief)

## Proverbs 26:13

By

Melvin J. Bryant II

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God has used lions quite often in the Bible! They are one of the most ferocious beast known to man! Lions are VERY dangerous and NOT an animal to play with! They are NOT domestic animals like your dog RUFUS or Sig! People should NOT have Lions as PETS like they would a Dog or a Cat! But we find LIONS in the Bible in several descriptive ways! There was a lion who met a Young Prophet and killed him because he disobeyed the word of God in 1 Kings 13! There was a young Lion who came roaring against Samson and the Bible tells us that the Spirit of the Lord was upon Samson and he TORE the Lion apart as one would have tore apart a young goat in Judges 14:5-6! The Bible tells us of the devil who walks about like a ROARING Lion, seeking whom he may devour! (1 Peter 5:8)! But here is the key, we can RESIST him....How? Verse 9 tells us, "Steadfast in the Faith!" In our text, Solomon tells us that;

### I. THE LAZY MAN SAYS, "THERE IS A LION IN THE ROAD!"

- A. In many ways, the "Lazy Man" makes excuses because of the Lion!
- The lazy man is sluggish, he is inactive!
  - His FEAR is there is a LION in the Road!
  - You know a person can have the best physique because he trains his body throughly, (And Paul told Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:8, "For bodily exercise profits a little, BUT Godliness is profitable for ALL things...) BUT; his mind is LAZY! His DOUBT controls him!
  - The LAZY man says there is a lion in the street (Proverbs 22:13) because he's LAZY and have no heart to remove the imaginary difficulties and dangers from his mind!
- B. There can be Lions in the Street
- There can be DIFFICULT task that can be a challenge to overcome, *however*, there is a scripture that should remove ANY doubt from our minds! Philippians 4:13, "I can do ALL things through Christ who Strengthens me." *Nonetheless*,

### II. WHAT ARE SOME LIONS IN THE STREET?

- A. When we have "some" that will say, "We can't do it!"
- The TASK at hand is TOO Big for us to do, and *therefore*, we can't accomplish it!
  - In the Old Testament....(see Numbers 13:30-33), the TEN Spies saw this Lion and doubt quickly controlled any faith they MAY have had!
  - God had ALREADY given them the Victory (Numbers 13:1-2), the only thing they had to do is BELIEVE!
  - The LION with the 10 spies was in the form of the Giants!
- B. Sometimes the church sees this Lion!
- Do "some" of us REALLY Believe that we can't grow out of this building?
  - Are "some" of us IN DOUBT because we don't LOOK like other congregations?
  - Some of us "Doubt" and have in our minds that we can't do it!
  - GOD has ALREADY given us the Victory, but how? By way of the Gospel!
  - The ONLY thing we have to do is EXECUTE what is written! Do EXACTLY what God has shown us by way of His word, have FAITH in His process because there are MANY souls in the Georgia searching for the truth, and the Lord will add the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6)!
  - So, there MAYBE a Lion in the Road, there maybe challenges ahead, BUT with GOD guiding us, we can accomplish anything!

- C. David wasn't worried about a Lion in the Road! (see 1 Samuel 17:31-37)!
- We all know the story, there was a GREAT Philistine (Goliath) that defied the army of God and STRUCK fear in those SPINELESS Israelite Men!
  - But sometimes, ONE man can encourage brethren to GET UP and do what God commissions!
  - We should have Faith like David!
  - David carried NO Doubt because; (1). He had a certain skill, he trained himself NOT to fear ANYTHING, whether it's a Lion OR a Bear! And; (2) He KNEW who it was that truly Delivered him....it was God! (verse 37)!
  - Besides, Jesus tells us to fear NO MAN! (Luke 12:4-5)!

### III. THE LION CAN BE DEFEATED AND RESISTED

- A. We can't be afraid of the Lion when we're doing the right thing!
- Daniel was faithful with his secular job and more importantly, he was faithful in his commitment to serve God! (see Daniel 6:1-9).
  - Now the Lion in the story of Daniel serves Two Fold! (1) The Lion is the King and his decree! And; (2) The Lion is the actual Lion's in the den!
- B. There were some interesting things about Daniel!
- The Bible tells us that Daniel "DISTINGUISHED" himself above the other Governors and Satraps BECAUSE an excellent "SPIRIT" was in him!
  - When "some of us" at our place of employment, at school, in public or wherever we maybe, we are to be DISTINGUISHED from others! We are to be Noble and Dignified in Appearance! (1 Peter 2:9)!
  - Today, when the Spirit of God is in us, it simply means that the word of God is in us! (Ephesians 6:17)!
  - So, the decree is signed, the Lion has spoke, the threat is imminent!
- C. When the Lion has spoken, what will you do?
- When you KNOW that your job is threatened! When you KNOW that your status is in jeopardy because of the Word that you believe in! Remember the Parable in Matthew 13:20!
  - What will you do? What did Daniel do? (see Daniel 6:10)!
  - Daniel didn't BREAK custom because a NEW decree was signed!
  - How many of us know of brother and sisters who BREAK custom because of a job or a new schedule?!
  - How many of us know of brethren that will BREAK custom because of vacation, sporting events, or any other thing that their hearts desire!
  - NOTHING comes before our service and worship to God....NOTHING!
- D. How does the Lion speak today?
- We are to worship and serve the living God EVERY first day of the week! BUT the Lion, (some employers) will say, "*You need to be at work,*" forget the custom that some of you have been raised with!
  - Forget what God has said about NOT forsaking the assembly (Hebrews 10:25)!
  - One willfully missed Sunday is just as important as the other 51!
  - Daniel as his CUSTOM continued to serve God! He was NOT concerned with the Lion in the Street! He was NOT afraid of what the Lion would have done to him! Even "IF" he had lost his JOB and LIFE, he would have done it holding fast his integrity in the Lord!
  - Be encouraged to stand FIRM on the word of God and NOT allow the Lion in the Street to be a distraction and hinder your faith! Until the last Amen.....