

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements: Matt Johnson

Opening Prayer: Matt Johnson

Song Leader: Kwame Abdul

Second Prayer: Melvin Bryant III

Lord's Table: Clarence Proctor
Devin Bryant

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

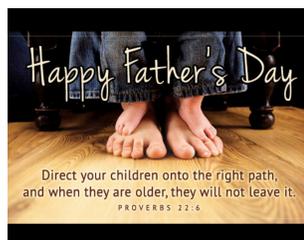
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“If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

1 Peter 4:11

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, 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 doing much better with chemo treatments.
- ▶ **Carolyn** had hip replacement surgery last Monday, 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 suffered an injury on an ATV and is at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta. Let us keep him, his wife Sheri and family in our prayers.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

☑ June Birthdays

Kilwonia, 6th
Melvin II, 11th
Asia, 22nd

☑ Anniversaries

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

☑ Local Church News

☑ World Church News

☑ Traveling.

The Bryant's will be traveling this week.
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.

"A Real Man will Lead a Godly House"

Joshua 24:15

By

Melvin J. Bryant II

We live in a day in which it is very difficult to be a godly man...A godly husband...A godly father! Today there is a GREAT shortage of REAL MEN in our world! We have those who call themselves MEN - But even their interior (what they fill their minds and body with...drugs, alcohol, and obscene things)... And exterior (the way some of these "So Called Men" dress with their pants hanging down) is nothing like what the Bible calls a MAN! Father's Day presents to us an opportunity to look at what it means to be a MAN, A Good Husband, a Good Father. There is NOTHING more important in this life than for a MAN to lead his family in the Lord! Money, Status, Prestige, Power or Possessions - Nothing is more important than for a man to lead his family in the Lord! And, the failure of a man who does not lead his family in the way God has desired has failed them and himself! *Nonetheless*, men have a Great responsibility, and it takes a Real Man to recognize his responsibility and to live and practice it!

I. WHAT IS A MAN?

- A. An adult male human. He is one who shows the QUALITIES (such as strength and courage) that men are TRADITIONALLY suppose to have! He is to be a person who CONTROLS or is in CHARGE or something! It is the quality or state of being MANLY! (Webster).
- B. What a man is not!
 - Just because you have children does not make you a Real Man!
 - Just because you are over the age of 18 or 21 does not make you a Real Man!
 - Just because you may have (or have had) many girlfriends... does not make you a Man!
 - Now, society may tell you that THAT makes you a man, BUT; God's word begs to differ!
- C. What makes a Real Man?
 - It is HE who submits himself to the will of God...
 - Allowing God to be the head over him...
 - Teaching our children to be virgins until marriage - that INCLUDES our sons!
 - Now those are "some" of the qualities that makes you a REAL MAN!!!!
 - Society does not want to hear this, BUT God commands that we teach this to our children!
 - Paul said something interesting about pleasing men over there in Galatians 1:10. "For do I now persuade men or God? Or do I seek to please men? For IF I still pleased men, I would NOT be a bondservant of Christ."
 - We did NOT become Christians to please men and to conform to what they consider GODLY or ACCEPTABLE!
 - YES fathers, let us teach our sons to play sports, fish, etc., *However*, let us teach them the importance of being a faithful Christian, a Faithful MAN of God!

II. WHAT ARE SOME RESPONSIBILITIES GOD HAS INSTRUCTED FOR THE MAN?

- A. Head of his wife! (Ephesians 5:23!)
 - That word "Head" comes from a Greek word, "*kephale*" which means, "One who is of supreme or pre-eminent status in view of authority to order or command! It is One who is the HEAD of, One who is SUPERIOR to, One who is SUPREME over..." (Louw-Nida vol. 1 pg. 738).
 - The MAN is the HEAD, the leader, the one who is in SUPREME control of the wife and of the ENTIRE household! (Joshua 24:15).
- B. Spiritual Leader of his children (Ephesians 6:4!)

- Fathers are not to “provoke their children to anger.” The Greek word translated “provoke” means “to rouse with anger or to enrage”!
- Now there are times when a son or daughter becomes sinfully angry because of their own immaturity; *However*, there are other times when we as fathers can “Provoke” our children to wrath.

For instance:

1. Some parents put too much “Pressure” on their children which would lead them to anger!
 - There was a story on HBO of these fathers who pushed their sons to breaking points TRYING to get them to be the next great football star or basketball phenom! Listen Fathers...you CANNOT live your life through the life of your child!
 - Let them make a decision as to what they want to grow up to be, and you encourage them and guide them on the right path! Also your child may not be as academically smart as you but we are to encourage them to do the BEST they can and not be lazy in their study habits!
2. Being too over protective of them!
 - We are to teach our children the way of the Lord and then TRUST they will do the right thing but; SOMETIMES children need to find out the hard way!
 - *Remember* the Prodigal son in Luke 15?
 - *Think about it...*The father taught his sons about God, raised them in a godly home, but for some Strange Reason, the younger son wanted to know what it was like to be in the world and so he went exploring! Did he know the dangers of it? Yes he did! How do we know? He was taught by his father!
 - When he went into the world, did he realize he was sinning? Yes he did! How do we know? He was taught by the father! Did he come to his senses? Yes he did when he realized that the world was not what he thought it would be!
 - Now, surely we would discourage our children from entering into the world of sin, but; the son had to learn for himself and the Bible tells us that he did “come to himself”. (Luke 15:17)!
 - Proverbs 22:6 remains true, “Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.”
- C. Spiritual Leadership begins in the home! (1 Timothy 3:4).
 - A few things to point out in 1 Timothy 3:4! (1) A man must know how to RULE his own house (And RULE it) WELL! That word “Rule” there comes from a Greek word that means, “*to exercise a position of LEADERSHIP, to rule, to direct, to be at the head! It means to put oneself at the head, to go first! It is to so influence others as to cause them to follow*” (Louw Nida vol1. pg. 464)! (2). He is to have his children in submission with all reverence! If the children exercise “foolishness,” the Bible tells us that the ROD OF CORRECTION will drive it far from him (Proverbs 22:15)!

III. REAL MEN WILL WALK IN THE WAY OF THE LORD (1 Kings 2:1-3)!

- A. According to what David has said, the ONLY way Solomon will be Strong and proving himself to be a MAN is by; (1) Keeping the charge of the Lord his God, (2) By walking in the Lord’s ways, And; (3) By keeping the Lord’s statutes, His commandments, His judgements and His testimonies as it was written in the law of Moses!
 - What can we LEARN from this Men? That the SAME holds true for men today, we are to “keep the commandments of the Lord our God!” Jesus said in John 14:15, “If you love Me, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS!”
 - We are to Walk in the Lord’s ways! Ephesians 4:1 tells us, “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord beseech you to WALK worthy of the calling with which you were called.”
- B. A Real Man will love his wife as Christ also loved the church (Ephesians 5:25).
 - Husbands lead first by showing sacrificial love to their wives, to make her feel secure and happy. Doing this will make it easier for her to submit to your guidance. Be encouraged!