

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: 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

"..While Men slept.."
Matthew 13:25

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.

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.

Men's meeting will take place after morning service.

Fellowship dinner is the last Sunday of each month.

“While Men Slept” Part I

Matthew 13:24-30

By

Melvin J. Bryant II

In Matthew 13:1-23, Jesus spoke a “Parable” of four (4) different soils the Word of God will fall upon. And, if we notice, in the “Parable of the Soils” the “Sower” (Jesus) went out and sowed seed (or the Word of God) everywhere! It fell by the “Wayside”, It fell on “Stony Places”, It fell among “Thorns”! And; It fell on “Good Ground!” And in this “Parable”, as the Word of God was spreading ALL over the place, isn’t it interesting that Jesus moves right into the field where the “Good Seed” is planted? Should we BELIEVE that Jesus presented these “Parables” in this specific order for a reason? *Think about it....*

(1). The “Seed” (the Word of God) is sown (or planted) on the hearts of men! (Matthew 13:1-23). And as it is “sown” or “spreading” it will produce different kinds of results!

(2). Then Jesus tells us that the “Good Seed” is in his field, “But While Men Slept!”

I. MANY CATASTROPHIC EVENTS IN HISTORY HAS HAPPENED, “WHILE MEN SLEPT!”

A. On Sept. 12, 1759 -- In Quebec, the French headquarters in Canada was under attack by Major General James Wolf of England!

- After the French backed away three attempts by the British, the governor felt safe and wrote a letter to a friend and said; “We are no longer concerned about the security of Quebec.”
- *However*, “While Men Slept,” and NOT being concerned, the British scaled the north wall along the St. Lawrence Seaway, and at early dawn, caught the French unprepared, DEFEATED them and WON the battle.
- The North American continent came under the control of Britain – While Men Slept!

B. In the Bible - “While Men Slept,” the Meades and Persians entered and conquered Babylon and Belshazzar, the king was slain.

- So much in history has happened, “While Men Slept!”

C. Tragedies has happened to millions of people, “While they Slept!”

- Fires has destroyed homes and lives, “While Men Slept!”
- Tornados have come in the middle of the night and destroyed everything in its path, “While Men Slept!”
- Hurricanes have swept through destroying EVERYTHING, “While Men Slept!”

II. CHRISTIANS (GOD’S PEOPLE) HAVE BEEN SLEEP ON THE JOB

A. Many of us have been SLEEP church and not doing the Will of God!

- Abortion runs ramped in our society, and we are SLEEP concerning this sin!
- Homosexuals are being FORCED on us and we SLEEP by not crying out against it!
- Relations outside of marriage is a common thing in our society and we are NOT teaching Abstinence!
- Alcoholism and Drugs have become the Number One Health problem!
- Our society has grown addicted to gambling NOT understanding that God has told us FOUR means of abstaining money, and “IF” one tries to obtain money ANY OTHER WAY, it’s sinful! (1) Money can be “INHERITED!” (Genesis 25:5). (2) Money can be received as a “GIFT” (Genesis 25:6). (3) One can INVEST in the right stock and receive “INTEREST!” (Matthew 25:27). And; (4) Money can be obtained when one go out and WORK! (2 Thessalonians 3:10).
- So, Gambling it OUT! Leave the Powerball alone, Have some “Self Control” and walk PASS the Scratch Off Machine in Krogers.

III. HOW CAN ONE SLEEP SPIRITUALLY AND BE IN DANGER OF NOT COMMITTING THE WILL OF GOD?

A. A perfect exemplar is found in the man Jonah! (see Jonah 1:1ff).

- The book of Jonah is a relatively short book, consisting of only 4 chapters! It emphasizes the LOVE of God for ALL people who are sleep Spiritually! God's LOVE for them is shown by the crying out to them by His servants (that's US ;-) CALLING for them to REPENT.
- There was a reason WHY God called His servant Jonah to cry out against this city Nineveh!
- What was that reason? God said, "for their wickedness has come up before Me." (verse 1).
- There is nothing DIFFERENT about that today! Jesus commands us to do what? Mark 16:15, "GO into all the world and Preach the Gospel to EVERY creature"....to EVERY Person! We are commended to Go and Preach the Gospel and in Jonah's day, the SAME God of heaven told him to "GO to Nineveh, that great city and CRY out against it!"
- *Nonetheless*, instead of doing the Will of God, because "IF" God didn't think you were capable, He would not have sent you! (i.e. Moses - Exodus chapters 3 & 4)!
- So, instead of Jonah doing what God commanded, he FLED to Tarshish, in the opposite direction FROM the presence of the Lord!
- Now we know God loves us SO MUCH that "IF" we decide to FLEE from the duties that God has given to us as His children, (as His servants), He has a way of getting our attention!
- *Remember*, Jonah fled from the presence of the Lord, although he KNEW what God expected from him, and God got his attention! (see Jonah 1:4)!
- Have you ever had a Great Winds to come into your life? When the sea of your life is calm, then all of a sudden – there is a Great Wind that tosses your calm life all around?!
- And when you stop to think – "What in the world is going on with me – why is all these things happening to me?" Everything seems to be breaking away!
- My spouse and I are having problems and were not seeing eye to eye! My children and immediate family are chaotic! I am having problems on my job! My car, or my home is falling apart! MAYBE it's because - we're like Jonah.....Sleeping on the job!
- Or; let me change that....Fleeing from our Responsibilities to the Lord!
- Verse 5 tells us that Jonah was Sleeping on the Job! Sleeping on his responsibility! And, While Jonah SLEPT, others were in DANGER in the Sinking Ship!
- God's desire is that ALL men come to Repentance! (2 Peter 3:9).
- So, "IF" we Sleep Spiritually on our responsibilities to the Lord and not GO preaching the Gospel as we are commanded, MANY in the world will continue to Sink Into Sin and will lose their "Physical" and "Spiritual" lives as a result of it!
- The mariners on the ship were in jeopardy, and Jonah was the one that caused this danger to fall upon them! And as a result of him running away from what he was commanded to do, he put TWO groups of people in danger. (1). Those who were in Nineveh - if he had not gone to warn them. And; (2) Those who were on the ship that were in danger of sinking!
- MANY are like Jonah so far as their souls are concerned!
- The danger is GREAT in this ole world we live in, BUT; the people are asleep regarding it!
- What did Paul say in Ephesians 5:14? "Therefore He says: "Awake, you who SLEEP, Arise from the DEAD, And Christ will give you light."

B. Even in WORSHIP, some are SLEEP on the Job!

- God says that we ALL are to SING! Ephesians 5:19; PRAY together! (1 Thessalonians 5:14); Partake of the Lord's supper on the First Day of the Week! (Acts 20:7); GIVE (1 Corinthians 16:1-2), And; hear His words PREACHED! (Acts 20:7)! Let us not fall prey in slacking on our responsibility. It is my prayer that you are comforted and encouraged by these words! Until the last Amen!!!!