

# 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:** Melvin J. Bryant II
- Opening Prayer:** Melvin J. Bryant II
- Song Leader:** Devin Bryant
- Second Prayer:** Melvin J. Bryant III
- Lord’s Table:** Clarence Proctor  
Melvin Bryant III
- Message:** Melvin J. Bryant II
- Closing Prayer:** Melvin J. Bryant II

## Attendance

- Morning Hour:** 14
- Bible Class:** 16
- Worship:** 20
- Wednesday:** 11
- 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



## Why do the Wicked Prosper and the Righteous Suffer?

Job 21:7, “Why do the wicked live and become old, yes, become mighty in power?”

Jeremiah 12:1, “Righteous are You, O Lord, when I plead with You; Yet let me talk with You about Your judgments. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are those happy who deal so treacherously?”

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) and her family, Sis. Dean, Sis. Proctor.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

(JAMES 5:16)

- ▶ **Kwame** had a successful surgery and is in need of continual prayers as he heals from it. And, for his citizenship as he has applied for it.
- ▶ **Charlie** had surgery on his foot and has asked that we keep him in prayer that his health will improve.
- ▶ **The Webb's** family and daughter Kira is in need of continual prayers.
- ▶ **Garrison Ihle**, the 5 month old baby of some friends of the Johnsons will be having open heart surgery on September 3rd to repair a birth defect. Please keep him and his family in our prayers.
- ▶ **Carolyn** had hip replacement surgery and is in need of our continual prayer.
- ▶ **Jerry Barber** was admitted into the hospital last week for a blood clot on his lung. Let us pray that he can recover.
- ▶ **Ann Phillips** is still in need of prayer.
- ▶ **Ron McCurry** has requested continued prayers for his son in law.
- ▶ **Mary Matthews**, the aunt of Sis. Traci Bryant is being treated for cancer. Let us keep her lifted in prayer.
- ▶ **Brother Melvin** has a co-worker, Dondrea Clay who is in need of prayers as she was injured on the job.

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

### ☑ September Birthdays

Sebastian - 2nd  
Joanie Saporito - 16th  
Anita Berger - 27th

### ☑ Anniversaries

Melvin & Traci Bryant - 23rd

### ☑ Local Church News

### ☑ World Church News

### ☑ Traveling

The Johnsons  
Sis. Pudgy

### ☑ Hiram Church of Christ News

Our water is fixed in the back and Fellowship dinner will resume the last Sunday of each month. Please plan to stay.

# "Why Does the Way of the Wicked Prosper"

Jeremiah 12:1-4

By

Melvin J. Bryant II

Jealousy is a DANGEROUS feeling. It is so dangerous that it is listed as one of the sins in Galatians 5:19-21. It is IDENTIFIED as works of the flesh (verse 20), AND it is a SIN that will keep you out of heaven! Jealousy is a Secret, Silent, Subtle Sin. Most people who are Jealous - will smile in your face, shake your hand, HUG you, kiss your cheek, be friendly with you, DINE with you, BUT all along, will NOT tell you that they are Jealous of you! In Proverbs 23:7, the Bible tells us, "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his heart is not with you." Jealousy will have you HATING someone for no reason! Jealousy will have you NOT speaking to someone because of the way they may look! Jealousy is so Dangerous church that it will have you to MURDER someone literally... (remember Cain who killed his brother Able (Genesis 4:1ff)!

## I. WHAT IS JEALOUSY?

- A. Jealousy is, "A particularly strong feeling of resentment and jealousy against someone." (Louw & Nida, Vol. 1, p. 759).
- B. It is, "Heat, Envy, Covetousness, Resentment against a rival, it is, mental uneasiness."

## II. YOU CAN HAVE A "SPIRIT OF JEALOUSY"! (Numbers 5:11)

- A. No NO MAN wants to "suspect" that his wife has been playing the harlot! So, the Spirit of Jealousy comes upon him!
  - Jealousy is a DANGEROUS Sin because you just can't LOOK at a person to tell if they are Jealous or Envious of you!

## III. IN THE OLD TESTAMENT JEALOUSY CONTRIBUTED TO ONE BEING KILLED!

(see 1 Kings 21:1-3)!

- A. Jealousy will have you to a point where you can't function because of someone else!
  - Naboth told Ahab, "[My vineyard is NOT for sale...the Lord FORBIDS that I should give the inheritance of my father to you!](#)" And as a result, he was murdered!
  - Somethings are NOT for sale like;
- B. Integrity
  - Some women (and men) will sell their SOUL (sell their Integrity) for some Benjamin's!
  - Let me clarify....Some women will SELL their INTEGRITY for a light bill, a cell phone bill, a car note or ANY other bill to be paid! As a child of God, the Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians 6:13, "[...Now the body is NOT for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.](#)"
  - Some men will SELL OUT to "IF" things are not going their way!
  - Remember Job 2:9? All the calamity, hardships and difficulties Job faced, and his wife said over there, "[...Do you still hold fast to your INTEGRITY? Curse God and Die!](#)"
  - But, Job held to his "Integrity!" (verse 10)!
  - When the Wicked Plots against the Just, God will have a day for them (Psalms 37:12)!
- C. Some men allow their wives to be the head and with that have NO Integrity! (see 1 Kings 21:5-16)!
  - Do we see what Jealousy and Envy will do? It will have you to conspire against another to do them HARM! It will have a man to lose his integrity and sin against God (1 Kings 21:20, 25)! Jealousy is Dangerous....It can get you killed!
  - And don't think that God's vengeance is not going to come upon them! (1 Kings 21:17-19).

