# **Prayer List**



#### Of Our Number

- ◆ Florene Howze—health problems
- ◆ Milo Lasater—obstruction in kidney, undergoing tests
- ◆ Jim Ward—cancer in remission

#### Others in Need

- ◆ Thomas Bush—11, cancer
- ◆ Annette Cates—recovering from collapsed lung, broken ribs
- ◆ Tim Dixon—lymphoma; chemo
- ◆ Izzy Flores—cancer
- ◆ Keith Grimes—leukemia
- ◆ Dawn Holloway—fibromyalgia
- ◆ Maxine Knoll—hospital; tests
- ◆ Michael Parish—home; physical therapy
- ◆ Jason Rickmon—home health after throat cancer surgery
- ◆ Luis Sanchez—brain surgery recovery
- ◆ Jared Sullivan—cancer for 3 yrs

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◆ Sidney White—short of breath

◆ Pray also for those who have lost loved ones, first responders, police officers, government leaders, military, those traveling, alien sinners, those fallen away, the church at Baker and worldwide.

#### **Events**



#### ♦ May 26

Ladies Day here with Ashley Holladay speaking. 10AM, Lunch provided

◆ June 3-7 Gospel Meeting at Sasser

7:30PM M-TH

#### ♦ July 1-6

Laborers and Leaders Camp for young men, hosted by Milestone

### **To Our Visitors**



We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

# **Privileged to Serve**



Announcements—Glenn Howze
Song Leading—Caleb Howze (Wed.)
David Howze (Sun.)

#### Serving the Lord's Supper

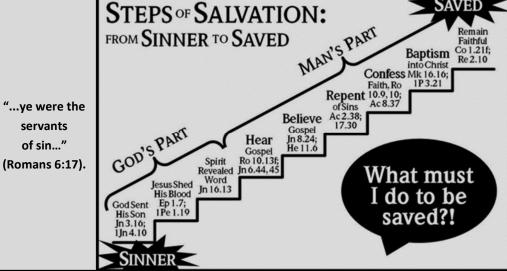
Head: Leo Derrick; Helpers: Mark Howze, Ethan Howze, Caleb Howze

#### Lord's Supper PM

Head: Ethan Howze Helper: Caleb Howze

Scripture Reading—Braden Hilburn

Faithful Worship — 1) Praying to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); 2) Singing without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); 3) Preaching God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); 4) Giving as prospered, cheerfully (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:7); 5) The Lord's Supper on the first day of every week (Matt. 26:26-28; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20-34; 16:2; Heb. 10:23-31).



"...but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17b-18).

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## **Meeting Times**

#### **Sundays:**

10AM Bible Class
11AM Worship
5:30PM Pew Packers
6PM Worship

#### Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

#### **Other Information**

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# How Obedience Should Work In Our Lives Gary Colley

It is always a source of joy when we witness men and women obey the gospel of Christ! But it also causes us sorrow when these obedient souls do not arise from the watery grave of baptism to live the new life by faithful attendance to the services of the church or give other evidence that they have changed their lives. Living for Christ and being baptized are so connected that it is not correct to have one without the other. Let us list a simple explanation of how obedience should work in our lives.

- 1. Hearing the gospel should destroy man's interest in sin (Rom. 10:17).
- 2. Believing the gospel destroys the pleasure of sin (John 8:24).
- 3. Repentance destroys the practice of sin, rendering one dead to the practice of sin (II Peter 3:9).
- 4. Confession destroys allegiance to sin. It is a vow that we are no longer of the world (Rom. 10:9).
- 5. Baptism destroys the guilt of sin (Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:17-18). Paul wrote to the Colossians: "...seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him" (Col. 3:9-10).

Hence, we should see the magnificent power of God's Word in our lives.

# **Worship Etiquette**

Etiquette is defined as "the code of polite behavior in a society." We are concerned with proper etiquette at meal time and at weddings. We are concerned with teaching our children the proper etiquette on how to behave in certain situations. In this article, I want to address the subject of worship etiquette or the code of polite behavior in worship and list some ideas that may help in that regard.

#### **BE THERE**

Hebrews 10:25 encourages us: "...not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together." Matthew 6:33 says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness." It is only proper and polite to be present at an event that we are expected to attend. If we are seeking first the Kingdom of God then this is certainly true of the worship services. God expects us to be present, and it would not be proper etiquette to not be at this appointment.

#### **BE ON TIME**

We would not think of being late for an important dinner or feast given in our honor. We arrive one or two hours early for a sporting event so we can get a good seat and not miss any of the action. Yet, when it comes to worship assemblies and Bible classes, it seems that some do not have any regard for wanting to be on time. We would never be late for work or have our children late for school, yet, many times, we do not show the same consideration for God when it comes to being on time for worship.

#### BE STILL, REVERENT, AND RESPECTFUL

Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still, and know that I am God." Habbakuk 2:20 tells us, "But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him."

"But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:15). We need to realize that our actions in the worship services effect those around us. Our children need to be taught that they can stay in the auditorium for an hour and that they can be relatively quiet and still for that amount of time. I remember when I was a child that I learned at a very young age that when I left the auditorium it was a very uncomfortable situation because if I left I was in trouble and was only leaving to meet the "rod of correction." Most all of us that are over 30 years old can remember the time when people did not come and go during the worship service. If a song was being sung, then no one entered the auditorium until the song was concluded so they would not be a distraction to those worshiping. I know that there are things that happen that are beyond our control, and sometimes we may need to leave the auditorium, but this certainly should be the exception and not the rule. We want to be respectful of God and of those leading the worship service and of others that are worshiping. I still believe that God is most pleased when our worship is a place of reverence and respect.

#### **BE PATIENT**

Most all of the time our services are very timely. There are certain instances that may arise that call for the service to be extended for some reason or another. Many times, we are too time-oriented, especially when it comes to our worship. Most likely our worship would be more reverent and respectful if we did not watch our clocks. Yes, we are all busy and we all have others things to do, even on Sunday, but we must not lose sight of the fact that Sunday is the Lord's Day, not the Lord's hour.

Hopefully, these thoughts will help make our worship better.

(adapted, author unknown)