

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—sick
- ◆ Candace Derrick—tests run
- ◆ Florene Howze—health issues
- ◆ Milo Lasater—hospital for kidney problems
- ◆ Chandler Mashburn—sick
- ◆ Ann Moss—oral surgery recovery
- ◆ Jim Ward—health problems

### Others in Need

- ◆ Thomas Bush—11, cancer
- ◆ Mary Cobb—stroke
- ◆ Tim Dixon—sciatica
- ◆ Keith Grimes—doctor in Oct.
- ◆ Dawn Holloway—fibromyalgia
- ◆ Maxine Knoll—hospital; tests
- ◆ Patsy Luke—home health care
- ◆ Michael Parish—home; physical therapy
- ◆ Jason Rickmon—home health after throat cancer surgery
- ◆ Sidney White—short of breath

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◆ **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



- ◆ **July 29-Aug. 1**  
Gospel Meeting at Union Hill
- ◆ **Aug. 5-8**  
Gospel Meeting, Fairhope, AL with Jason Hilburn speaking
- ◆ **Oct. 14-18**  
Our Gospel Meeting with various speakers

**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).

## To Our Visitors

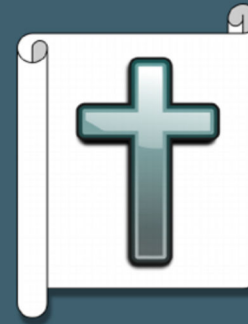


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

## Privileged to Serve



**Announcements**—Leo Derrick  
**Song Leading**—Mark Howze (Wed.)  
 David Howze (Sun.)  
**Serving the Lord's Supper**  
 Head: Glenn Howze; Helpers: Justin Derrick, Rick Laux, Josh Lawson  
**Lord's Supper PM**  
 Head: Justin Derrick  
 Helper: Ethan Howze  
**Scripture Reading**—Caleb Howze



# THE BAKER BULLETIN

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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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## Faithfully Assembling with the Saints

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Every Christian must come to understand the responsibility of faithfully assembling with the saints. Attending all the services of the church is of grave importance to the Christian. This responsibility cannot be taken lightly.

Indifference keeps many from faithfully assembling with the saints. Some want to give as little service to God as they can get by with. This divided allegiance has caused them to feel that attending worship service is optional instead of mandatory. Our prayer is that all will become conscious of their obligations in serving Christ. Many need to repent, pray to God for forgiveness and also dedicate themselves to faithfulness in attending the worship service and in all other service to God.

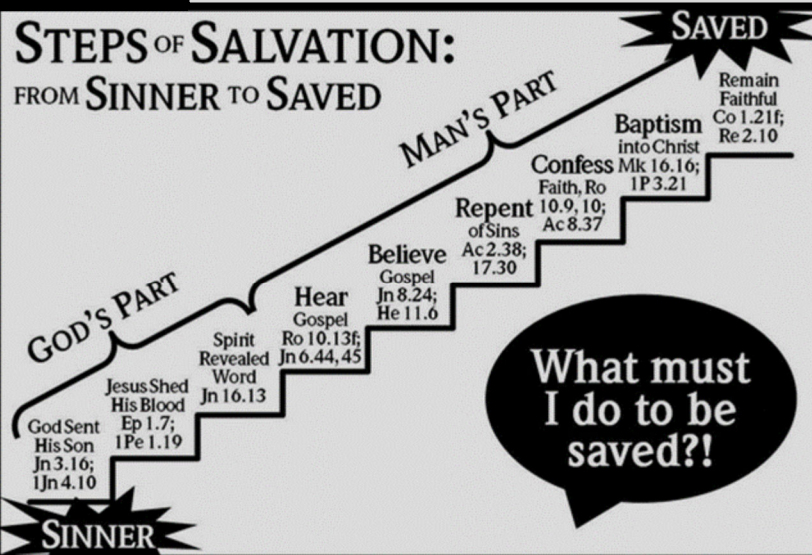
Nothing can exceed the joy and happiness to be shared in fellowship with the saints in the service of the church. Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves with our brethren whenever they meet.

Those who truly desire heaven as an eternal home share a great concern relative to regular attendance at all services of the church. It would be difficult to imagine Christians having any other attitude than that expressed by David the long ago concerning his worship. "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." (Psalms 122:1.)

Jesus is our example (1 Peter 2:21). Would Jesus attend Bible

## STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

"...ye were the servants of sin..."  
 (Romans 6:17).



"...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).

classes on Sunday morning or Wednesday night? Faithfully assembling with the saints is important for the following reasons:

**ASSEMBLE WITH THE SAINTS BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE FOR GOD.** Does one prove love for God by sleeping through Bible study time on Sunday? Or visiting on Sunday and not being in Bible study or worship? Or when on vacation forsaking Bible study or worship time? Those who willfully forsake the assembly are saying to God, "God, I really do not love You, I do not care about You, You are not first in my life."

**ASSEMBLE WITH THE SAINTS BECAUSE GOD DESIRES AND COMMANDS YOUR ATTENDANCE.** God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit desire and command our faithful attendance at the assembly of the saints. "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge him people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Hebrews 10:24-31) Those who willfully and deliberately forsake the assembling are insulting God!

**ASSEMBLE WITH THE SAINTS BECAUSE OF YOUR DESIRE TO PUT THE KINGDOM FIRST.** "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33) Those who claim to be putting God first in life but are willfully absent from the assemblies are only deceiving themselves. Where will a person who is seeking the kingdom first be when the saints are assembled?

**ASSEMBLE WITH THE SAINTS BECAUSE ALL FAITHFUL BRETHREN DESIRE YOUR PRESENCE.** Willfully failing to assemble with the saints is a discouragement to elders, preachers, teachers and all faithful brethren. "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." (Hebrews 10:24) Elders must watch for our souls and give account to God. (Hebrews 13:17) Their work is made more difficult by those who sin willfully by forsaking the assembly.

**ASSEMBLE WITH THE SAINTS BECAUSE OF YOUR DESIRE TO HAVE A GOOD INFLUENCE ON OTHERS.** "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and trodden under foot of men." (Matthew 5:13) Parents speak volumes to their children when they deliberately forsake the assembly. Husbands or wives speak volumes to their mates when they deliberately forsake the assembly. Those who faithfully attend all the assemblies of the saints are using their influence for God. Those who deliberately forsake the assemblies are an influence for Satan.

**ASSEMBLE WITH THE SAINTS BECAUSE OF YOUR DESIRE TO BUILD UP THE CHURCH INSTEAD OF WEAKEN IT.** The faithful love what Christ loves. He loves the church and wants it to be strong. "Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." (Ephesians 5:24-25) Many members do not love the church enough to be faithful. They will not even faithfully attend the services of the church. Their indifference and neglect of the services of the church weaken the church. Think how this must disappoint Jesus.

**ASSEMBLE WITH THE SAINTS BECAUSE OF YOUR DESIRE TO BECOME A STRONGER CHRISTIAN.** "But grow in the grace. and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever. Amen." (II Peter 3:18) Can you imagine a person who truly wants to grow spiritually not attending all the services of the church? Those who willfully forsake the assembly are without hope in eternity. (Hebrews 10:24-31)

**ASSEMBLE WITH THE SAINTS BECAUSE OF YOUR DESIRE TO GO TO HEAVEN.** Those who don't pray, don't work, and don't attend are committing spiritual suicide. The crown of life awaits those who surrender their all to the Master. "...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." (Revelation 2:10) A dedication that will not get you to all the services of the church is certainly not a dedication that will get you to heaven.

Nothing less than a living sacrifice will do. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:1-2) Strive to develop a faithfulness that will get you to all the services of the church. Those who do this will be taking one major step toward Heaven!