

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ◆ Candace Derrick—tests run
  - ◆ Lisa Derrick—upcoming test
  - ◆ Hannah Lawson—tests soon
  - ◆ Brooks Taylor—improving
  - ◆ Jim Ward—health problems
- ### Others in Need
- ◆ Thomas Bush—11, cancer
  - ◆ Aubrey Grace Clark—born prematurely; 25 weeks; < 2 lbs.
  - ◆ Mary Cobb—stroke
  - ◆ Tim Dixon—sciatica
  - ◆ Family of Christopher Erickson
  - ◆ Keith Grimes—doctor in Oct.
  - ◆ Dawn Holloway—fibromyalgia
  - ◆ Brianna Howze—pancreatitis?
  - ◆ Wanda Hunter—stage 4 kidney cancer (Jordon Tolliver's mom)
  - ◆ Maxine Knoll—hospital; tests
  - ◆ Patsy Luke—home health care, improving
  - ◆ Jason Rickmon—home health

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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



**Aug. 22**  
4th Wednesday  
Singing

**Oct. 14-18**  
Our Gospel Meeting with various speakers.  
Theme: *Practical Principles from Proverbs*

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

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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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## A Fifty-Year-Old Decision

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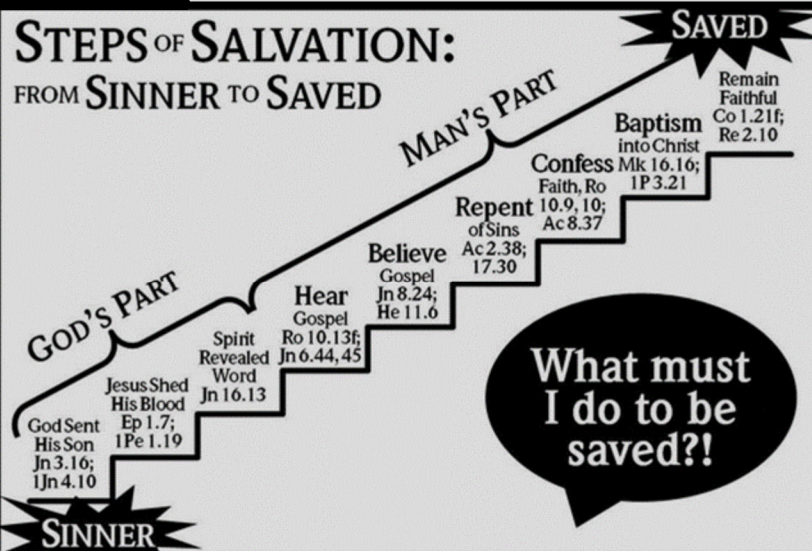
People do not accidentally attend every worship service for twenty years without missing once. They must have planned always to attend. Soon after obeying the gospel in the fall of 1909, I read of an old brother who had not missed going to worship a single Sunday in 41 years. That story caused me to resolve and to purpose in my heart that I would never miss the worship on a single Lord's Day as long as I live, if possible to attend. I have missed four Sundays in over 50 years and then it was because of illness.

Once I made that decision, the question has not come up as to whether or not I would attend worship service. In fact, I did not decide last Lord's Day to go to worship, nor the Sunday before; that decision was made more than fifty years ago.

It is a sin for any member of the church to miss the worship unless he is unable to attend. The very nature of our religion is such that those who feel that attending every service is a burden need to be converted.

## STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

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



What must I do to be saved?!

"...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).

## A Long, Hot Summer

We have had a long, hot summer in Tennessee with dangerous temperatures in August of 100 degrees or more setting new records. Personally, I am ready for summer to be over but not just because of the heat. We have also reached dangerous new records for immodest clothing.

Nearly 50 years ago, I heard Jim Bill McInteer preach on how to identify a Christian. He began by describing several categories of people. One person was a lady in a white uniform who was wearing a small starched hat and carrying a stethoscope. Of course, he was describing a nurse. Next he told about a man with a heavy water repellent coat and a metal helmet that protruded over his neck. There was no doubt; this was a fireman. Several other word pictures were painted by McInteer before he asked a rhetorical question of the audience, "How would you identify a Christian?" As I remember, no "uniform" identified Christians, although many nouns were offered such as love, honesty, modesty and purity – all qualities that describe a Christian.

I now wonder why so many Christians blend into the world like chameleons. Are we living like the world, talking like the world, and even looking like the world? With upwards of 100 million Christians in the world, our impact is shrinking!

On a recent out-of-town trip, I saw a teenage boy walking in a regional mall wearing a black tee-shirt with large white lettering: "undress to impress." Contemporary American culture seems to have bought into his message and moved from casual to sloppy and even to vulgar clothing. Modest apparel has been replaced with short-shorts, plunging necklines, and shorter tops and/or lower pants without any feeling of shame of nakedness (Rev. 3:18; Gen. 3:7-10). Our society has become intoxicated with dressing for comfort, style and sensuality. Are we ignorant, naïve or

just so much desiring acceptance of our peers that we no longer realize right from wrong?

Modesty is the first line of defense for sexual purity (1 Tim. 2:9-10). Flagrant, even casual exposure of our bodies can result in sinful lust (Rom. 13:13), with immodesty a prelude for sexual arousal, particularly in boys and men. We should not want to be the cause for others to sin.

Are we conditioning our children to wear inappropriate clothing as teens and adults by what we wear or what we put on them? When we let our guard down with "anything goes" in clothing for our children, our actions can set a precedent that someday we may regret.

On the other hand, neither should we be lulled into believing that when we are fully clothed we are automatically modest. Tight, revealing styles and sheer, clingy fabrics, improper sizes and exposed undergarments contribute to immodesty. Factors like body size, shape and age should always be considered when selecting appropriate clothing. What we choose to wear to school, work and worship is an expression of our respect for ourselves, others and ultimately God. Our clothes should help us focus on the purpose at hand and not be a distraction to others. They should bring honor to God and not the prince of this world – Satan!

How ironic that many schools now have dress codes in an effort to improve learning skills and behavior just as some workplaces require proper clothing for safety and propriety.

Queen Vashti, one of the most beautiful women of Persia, was commanded by her husband/king "to show her beauty" to a drunken men during a festival at the palace. She chose to disobey the king's command knowing she would lose her crown but not her honor (Esther 1). Vashti wore the beauty of holiness to honor God rather than man. Her action should give women – and men – the courage of conviction to do what is right always.

--Neil W. Anderson