

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Candace Derrick—tests run
- ◆ Lisa Derrick—upcoming surgery
- ◆ Florene Howze—pneumonia; hip and back problems
- ◆ Hannah Lawson—test results

Others in Need

- ◆ Thomas Bush—11, cancer
- ◆ Aubree Grace Clark—born prematurely, recently passed
- ◆ Mary Cobb—stroke
- ◆ Tim Dixon—sciatica
- ◆ Family of Christopher Erickson
- ◆ Keith Grimes—doctor in Oct.
- ◆ Dawn Holloway—fibromyalgia
- ◆ Briana Howze—upper G.I. soon
- ◆ Wanda Hunter—stage 4 kidney cancer (Jordon Tolliver's mom)
- ◆ Maxine Knoll—improved
- ◆ 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



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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Cigarette Smoking

Victor Eskew

Cigarette smoking is still very popular in our society. My father did it most of his life. Sadly, his life was cut short by this expensive, nasty, stinking, and addictive habit. 61 years old is too young to die.

I wonder why anyone wants to smoke cigarettes today. I suppose they smoke to be cool. Maybe they smoke to fit in with the crowd. Some might smoke because it calms them. Others might smoke because they like it.

There are some other considerations that those who smoke need to ponder.

- It costs a lot of money.
- It hurts one's health.
- It is addictive.
- It enslaves the individual.
- It stinks.
- It causes one to age quicker.
- It does not make one a good example.
- It kills.

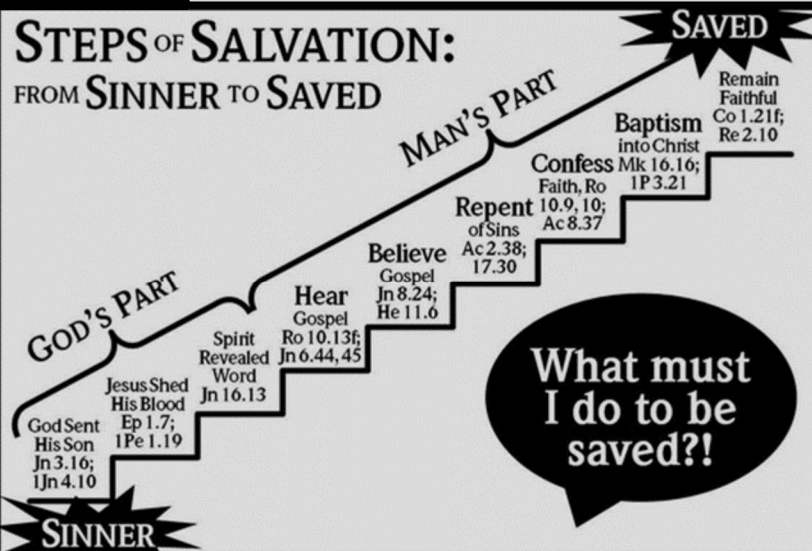
Is smoking a sin? This has been an age old question of debate. Here is an answer: Would Jesus smoke? Most would answer: No. If He wouldn't, why should anyone do it? We should desire to do only what Jesus would do.

There is nothing positive that comes from smoking. Person will save a lot of money and a lot of health issues and a lot of needless time outside at the smoke hole if he refuses to take up this useless habit.

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).

Like it or Not, It's Still True

"The Lord's bondservant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses, and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will." 2 Tim. 2:24-26

Bible truths can be presented in at least two ways: with an arrogant, unloving, self-righteous attitude, or with genuine concern for the eternal welfare of others. We should certainly be concerned with which presentation we use, for it may indeed be the reason the listener accepts or rejects these truths. Let us be careful with our manner of speaking; moreover though, let us boldly speak the truth, whether or not it is popular. Consider these unpopular truths:

- God intends for marriage to be a binding covenant. He hates divorce (Matt. 19:3-9; Mal. 2:13-16).
- All sexual relationships before or outside of marriage are sinful (Heb. 13:4; 1 Thess. 4:2-8).
- Homosexuality is contrary to the will of God (Rom 1:24-27; 1 Cor. 6:9-11).
- Abortion destroys human life, made in the image of God (Gen. 9:5-7; Psa. 139:13-16).
- There is such a place as hell, where the lost will be punished forever (Matt. 25:41,46; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; Rev. 14:9-11; 20:14-15; 21:8).
- Most people will be lost (Matt. 7:13-14, 21-23).
- Christ is the only way to God (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).
- Christ established only one church, and division is sinful (Matt. 16:18; John 17:20-23; Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4; 1 Cor. 1:10-13).
- There is such a thing as revealed truth - absolute truth - which one must believe to be saved (1 Cor. 15:1-2). And there is such a thing as error which will cause one to be lost (Gal. 1:6-9; 2 Peter 3:15-17).

- Baptism is that moment at which God saves us (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21).
- Baptism is immersion, not sprinkling or pouring (Acts 8:35-39; Rom 6:3-5).
- Baptism is only for sinners (Acts 2:38) and believers (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 18:8) - not for infants or small children.
- Not all worship is acceptable to God. Worship must be according to his revealed truth in the New Testament (John 4:24; 1 Peter 2:5).

It takes courage today (as it always has) to stand up for what's right. May God give us boldness to speak, love toward everyone, and tactfulness in our presentation of the truth (2 Tim. 2:24-26). Much of the Bible is currently not politically correct, but it is still the Word of God!
--David Gibson

Where's Johnny?

A family gathers around the dinner table. Little Mary looks up and says, "You know, I just noticed something, Johnny isn't here." Her brother Tom answered, "You mean you hadn't noticed before now? He hasn't been here for several weeks. By the way Dad, where is Johnny anyway?" "Why I don't know, son. I noticed him in the yard a few weeks ago. Your mother should know. Margaret, where is Johnny? The children say he hasn't been here for some time now."

Mother ponders for a moment and at last the vacant look leaves her face as she remembers. "Oh yes. Johnny, our son Johnny. No, I don't know where he is. But don't worry. He will probably come back someday. Let's all be a happy family and eat our meal. I'll put Johnny's plate away until he comes back. I wonder what could have happened to him?"

The church gathers around the Lord's table each Sunday. Think carefully and prayerfully. How many Johnny's do you know that are not at the table? What can you do about it?