

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ◆ Jennifer Derrick—scans 10/27
- ◆ Florene Howze—hip and back problems
- ◆ Kynlie Lawson—EEG 10/16
- ◆ Jim Ward—health problems

### Others in Need

- ◆ Travis Barrow—dog attack
- ◆ Thomas Bush—11, cancer
- ◆ Chloe Fleming (Jason's niece)—doctor for liver on Oct. 10
- ◆ Keith Grimes—doctor in Oct.
- ◆ Briana Howze—pancreatitis
- ◆ Wanda Hunter—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Vandan Kumar (Jason's weekly translator)—nasal surgery soon
- ◆ Vernie Mann (Chris Wynne's mother)—health problems
- ◆ Brenda Mateer (friend of Jason's aunt Deb)—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Donald Simon—surgery recovery
- ◆ Ola Mae Swinton (Donald Simon's sister) passed away

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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. 7-10**  
Gospel Meeting,  
Leonard St. (see flyer)

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

**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



# 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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### Radio Program:

104.7FM Sundays 8:30AM

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## Is It All Relative?

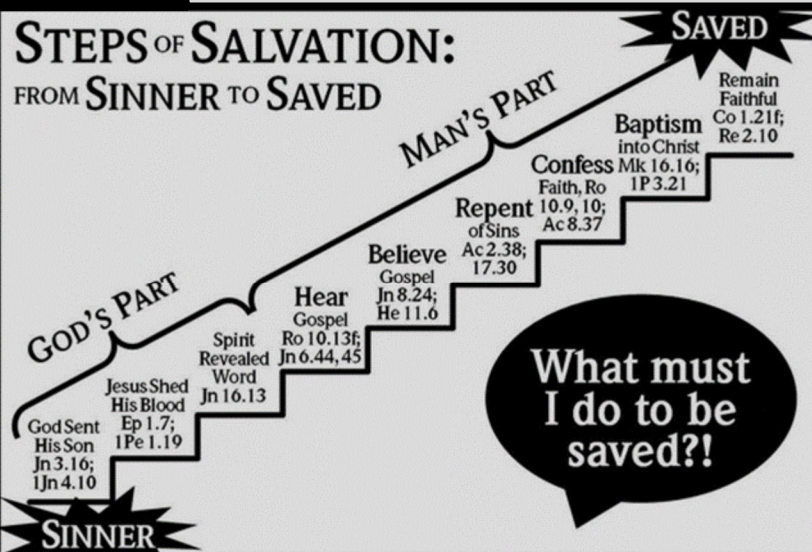
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What is 1+1? One does not need a degree in mathematics to answer this question. From a young age we are made aware of this rudimentary concept: if you have one apple and you add another, then you have two apples. No matter where you are in the world the answer to this question will always be two; not three or four, but two. This is the case because there is a universal mathematical truth: one plus one is always two regardless of circumstance or location.

Can the same be said for the Bible? Many would unequivocally deny that the Bible can be universally understood the same. There are those who would argue that truth is relative, dependent on the individuals and groups holding them. Thus, one person might believe the Bible to say one thing and another person reading the same Bible might interpret it completely different and both persons would still be right. This view would appear to advance tolerance and consideration if it were not for the fact that it promotes confusion and ungodliness. Is this what God had in mind when He inspired men to write His Word? Does God approve of a view that suggests there is no absolute truth or that you can interpret what you read in His Word any way you like and still be on the right path? The answer to these questions is a resounding, NO! "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints" (1 Corinthians 14:33). God made it distinctly clear that everyone, regardless of culture, race, or location can understand His word alike. Notice this remarkable account recorded for us in Nehemiah 8:4-8:

## 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).

And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up: And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people stood in their place. So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

Is it not interesting that all these men read from the same book, gave the people the meaning and caused them to understand it? Israel did not walk away from that gathering with everyone having a different view on what was read. God, through the apostle Paul, admonishes the church to “*speak the same thing*” and to “*be of the same mind and in the same judgment*” (1 Corinthians 1:10). Therefore, speaking different and conflicting things is diametrically opposed to the command of God to speak the same things. On another occasion the apostle Paul instructed Timothy to admonish the brethren to “*teach no other doctrine*” (1 Timothy 1:3). The same was said to the church in Ephesus, that they “*be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine*” (Ephesians 4:14). The Galatians caused Paul to be negatively amazed because they were so soon removed from the Gospel of Christ to another Gospel (Galatians 1:6-9). Paul said he taught the same thing in every church (1 Corinthians 4:17). Recorded in John 17:20-21 is Jesus’ prayer for unity: “*Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.*”

The evidence for a universal understanding of Scripture is overwhelming. This tells us that it is not only possible but imperative to understand the Bible alike. All believers in Christ can be united. However, in order to achieve this holy unity all must adhere to God’s Word, speaking the same things and being of the same mind. The idea of being unified is a great one; it is a godly one. Unity has been and still is God’s plan for His Believers. Therefore, just like Christ prayed for unity and the apostles preached unity, we must practice unity. We must be a people guided by “*thus saith the Lord.*” speaking only where the Bible speaks and being silent where the Bible is silent.

—Slightly adapted

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN  
BAKER INVITES YOU TO HEAR:

## PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES FROM PROVERBS

OCT. 14-18, 2018

Sunday - Sidney White

10AM - Our Duty to God

11AM - Our Duty to Neighbors

2PM - The Value of Hard Work

Monday 7PM - Jason Hilburn

The Dangers of Drugs Such As Alcohol

Tuesday 7PM - Eric Farrior

Choosing the Right Kind of Friends

Wednesday 7PM - Brandon Baggett

Practicing Self-Control

Thursday 7PM - Jared Knoll

The Duties of Children and Parents