## **Prayer List**

#### Of Our Number

- ◆ Florene Howze—hip, back pain ◆ Kynlie Lawson—epilepsy; more
- tests; trying meds for 2 years Jim Ward—health problems, fell recently

worldwide.

Dec. 26th

Singing

Fourth Wednesday

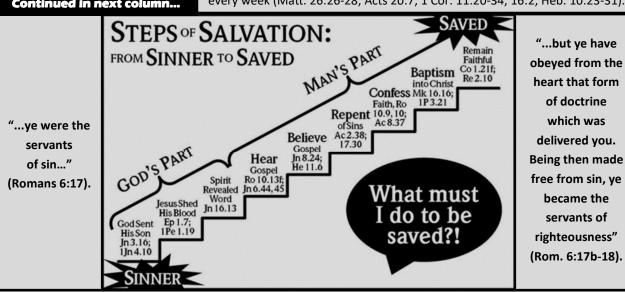
No fellowship meals in

December or January

#### Others in Need

- ◆ Travis Barrow—dog attack recovery
- Thomas Bush—11, cancer
- Chloe Fleming (Jason's niece) -tests for stomach pain
- Mona Gaines West (Amanda) Hilburn's aunt)-kidney stones
- Briana Howze—pancreatitis
- ◆ Wanda Hunter—stage 4 cancer
- Rick Laux's mother Carolyne Laux—passed away last week.
- Vernie Mann (Chris Wynne's mother)-health problems
- Brenda Mateer—stage 4 cancer Anah Parrish (Jason H.'s sister, expecting twins soon)

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#### • Prav also for those who have **To Our Visitors** lost loved ones, first responders, police officers, government leaders, military, those traveling, alien sinners, those fallen away, the church at Baker and **Events**



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

**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).



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The church of Christ in Baker, FL

## **December 16, 2018**

#### **Meeting Times**

Sundays: 10AM Bible Class 11AM Worship 5:30PM Pew Packers 6PM Worship Wednesdays: 7PM Bible Class

#### **Other Information**

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# Why We Put Teaching Articles In the Bulletin

Weekly bulletins of churches of Christ contain a variety of formats. Some limit the content of their weekly bulletin to announcements and news that are relevant for members of their particular congregation. I have noticed that many bulletins no longer contain teaching articles. Perhaps social media has had an impact upon this choice since many no longer read the printed page but get whatever information they are looking for from their phones and tablets.

I may be a bit old fashioned, but I believe there is still power in the written Word of God and that articles which teach the Word of God still have an impact upon those who choose to read them. God certainly recognized the power of the written word when He gave His chosen people His law. Deuteronomy 9:10 reads "And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them was written according to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly."

The book of John reveals the impact of the written word when it says, "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ve might have life through his name" (John 20:30-31).

Paul wrote the Word of God and told the Ephesians that "Whereby,

when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ" (Eph. 3:4).

We put teaching articles in this bulletin...

#### 1. To teach the lost.

Several of our members distribute our bulletin to precious souls who are lost in sin. This bulletin may be the only exposure they have to learn of God's plan for their salvation from sin. It may serve as an initial means of contact which can the be followed up with one on one teaching or encouraging attendance at the worship assemblies. We include articles which we hope will be profitable to that end.

#### 2. To help Christians grow in faith toward spiritual maturity.

The Bible tells Christ to "*desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby*" and to "*grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ*" (1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18). Spiritual growth comes as the result of learning God's Word and then applying what one has learned to his applying what one has learned to his or her life. We trust that the articles contained in theses pages will assist in the spiritual growth of every Christian who reads them.

#### 3. To encourage the wayward to repent.

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:1-2). Every attempt should be made to restore an erring brother or sister to faithfulness. That is why we include in this bulletin articles which encourage self-examination, repentance and faithful service to the Lord as well as warnings concerning the end result of unfaithfulness.

It is our prayer that some brother or sister who has turned back into sin will see the need of making the necessary changes to once again be restored to the fellowship of God, Christ and the church. These are some of the reasons why we include teaching articles in our weekly bulletin. The power to save is in the Gospel of Christ (Romans 1:16-17). We must take advantage of every scriptural means at our disposal to reach the lost, including bulletins such as this. Thanks for reading this one!

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## Without God, Our Week Would Be...

SINday **MOURNday TEARSdav** WASTEday THIRSTday FIGHTday SHATTERday 7 Days without God makes one WEAK -copied What's your plan for 2019? ТНЕ ВІВСЕ THROUGH WHOLE OR Year Times Testament About 3 Chapters per Day 2 Chapters per Day 7 Days per Week 5 Days per Week Read the Whole Bible Read the New Testament

TWICE in ONE YEAR

ONCE in ONE YEAR