

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ◆ Several have been sick
- ◆ Janice Carnley—health problems
- ◆ Florene Howze—hip, back pain
- ◆ Kynlie Lawson—sporadic seizures
- ◆ Jim Ward—health problems

### Others in Need

- ◆ Deb Aplin (Jason H.'s aunt)—awaiting biopsy results
- ◆ Travis Barrow—dog attack
- ◆ Susie Burke (Laura Laux' mother)—surgery soon
- ◆ Thomas Bush—11, cancer
- ◆ Chloe Fleming (Jason's niece)—biopsy on 12/27
- ◆ Briana Howze—pancreatitis
- ◆ Wanda Hunter—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ 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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◆ 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



Dec. 26th

Fourth Wednesday Singing

No fellowship meals in December or January

**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

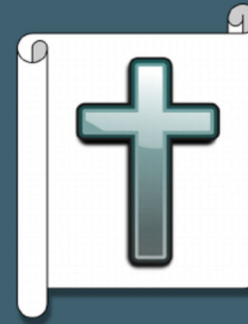


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

## Privileged to Serve



**Announcements**—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



# THE BAKER BULLETIN

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The church of Christ in Baker, FL

December 23, 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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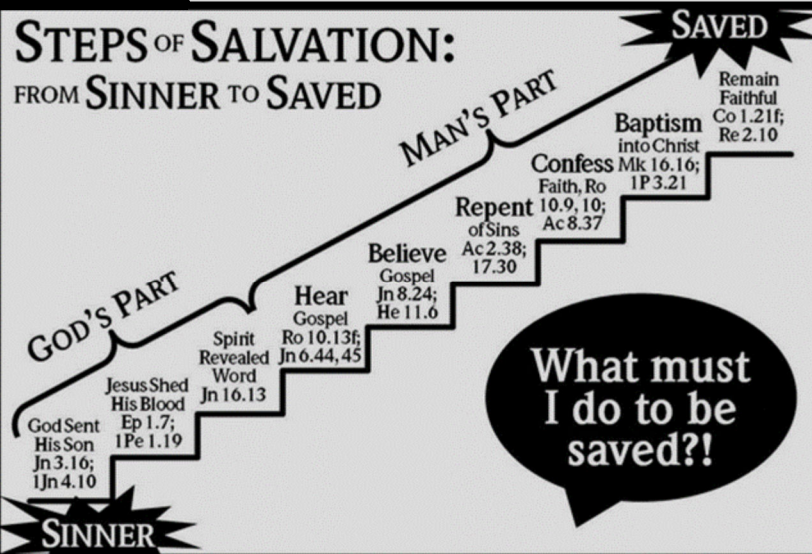
## Why Officially Withdraw From Those Who Have "Already Withdrawn Themselves"?

Jason Patrick Hilburn

1. Because the Bible indicates that an official declaration should be made when the church is "gathered together" that this person is no longer considered to be in Christian fellowship, but has been officially "delivered unto Satan" (1 Cor. 5:5, 6; cf. Matt. 18:15-20).
2. Because if there is no official declaration of withdrawal announced to the church, church members might continue eating with and encouraging the person in sin. Instead, they should be admonished to have no company with him, to cause him to feel ashamed, so he will repent and be saved (1 Cor. 5:9-13; 2 Thess. 3:6, 14, 15). Just because a brother is not assembling with the church, that does not mean that he is not keeping company with or interacting with church members at other times.
3. Because any sin a brother commits that is known to others is a deadly leaven that negatively impacts others until public repentance takes place (1 Cor. 5:6); and that leaven should be declared evil and removed as much as possible to keep the church pure (1 Cor. 5:5-9; 2 Thess. 3:14).
4. Because when the world looks at the bad example of the erring

## 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).

brother, the church should be able to say, “We do not condone his lifestyle. We withdrew fellowship from him, as God commanded.”

5. Because other faithful Christians/congregations in the area need to be made aware not to keep personal company with this brother, whereby they would encourage him in his error (2 Thess. 3:14, 15).
6. Because other faithful congregations in the area need to be made aware that this erring child of God should not be accepted into their local flock as a member without repentance.
7. Because withdrawing may encourage other area churches to begin obeying the command to officially withdraw from brothers/sisters who will not repent (1 Cor. 5:5, 6; 2 Thess. 3:6, etc.).
8. Because erring brothers and sisters should not be able to “overrule” what God commanded the church to do and escape the “*punishment*” God prescribed (2 Cor. 2:6). This would be like a bad employee about to be fired, saying, “You can’t fire me, because I quit!”; yet the church still has the power to officially “*deliver such a one unto Satan*” (1 Cor. 5:5).
9. Because forsaking the assembling is a sin that will bring the wrath of God, unless repentance takes place (Heb. 10:23-31).
10. Because commands to practice church discipline are for sin in general—not simply a couple of sins like false teaching or fornication (Matt. 18:15; 2 Thess. 3:6; cf. 1 Cor. 5:9-11; Rom. 16:17; 1 Tim. 6:3-5; Titus 3:10, etc.).
11. Because we take every sin seriously—not just certain types of sin (all sins are deadly, Isa. 59:1, 2; Rom. 6:23; Gal. 6:1; James 2:10).
12. Because we have enough faith in God to trust His wisdom and follow His methods of restoration (Prov. 3:5-6).
13. Because God’s command to inflict this “*punishment*” is a test of a church’s faithfulness: “*For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things*” (2 Cor. 2:9; cf. 2:5-11; 7:8-12, 16).
14. Because the Corinthians had been in sin for not disciplining the erring one: “*For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter. Wherefore, though I wrote unto you, I did it not for his cause that had done the wrong [the fornicator, JPH], nor for his cause that suffered wrong [the father of the fornicator, JPH], but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear unto you” (2 Cor. 7:10-*

12; cf. 1 Cor. 5; 2 Cor. 2:5-11; 7:16).

15. Because if the church would practice discipline on those who stop assembling, it would cause other members to think twice before forsaking the assembling, like the fear instilled in the early church upon the punishment of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:11), or the open rebuke of those in sin: “*Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear*” (1 Tim. 5:20).
16. Because, even if they have been gone for some time, the church should revive efforts to restore them if need be, and use all methods necessary in efforts to bring about repentance, because of love for the lost soul (Matt. 18:12-14).
17. Because, even if the church has not obeyed God’s command to inflict this “*punishment*” in the past, the church’s full repentance would imply that the error be corrected to the fullest extent possible (2 Cor. 7:10-12, 16; cf. 2:6; Luke 3:8; Acts 26:20).
18. Because we cannot say that we have done all we can do to restore the erring until all methods are exhausted, including officially withdrawing.
19. Because we cannot say we have done all God commanded until repentance or church discipline takes place.
20. Because even if the erring one is no longer assembling with the church, the drastic, “last resort” measure of officially withdrawing fellowship may very well be the stimulus that causes repentance (as it has many times, even in recent years) (cf. Lk. 15:16-19; 1 Cor. 5:6).

## What’s your plan for 2019?

THE BIBLE **1** THROUGH THE  
WHOLE IN **Year** OR **2** N E W  
**Times** T e s t a m e n t

About 3 Chapters per Day  
7 Days per Week  
Read the Whole Bible  
ONCE in ONE YEAR

2 Chapters per Day  
5 Days per Week  
Read the New Testament  
TWICE in ONE YEAR

