

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—health problems
- ◆ Jennifer Derrick—upcoming tests
- ◆ Eloise Hoffman—lung cancer
- ◆ Florene Howze—improving
- ◆ Rick Laux—upcoming tests
- ◆ Hannah Lawson—pneumonia
- ◆ Kynlie Lawson—RSV
- ◆ Jim Ward—health problems

### Others in Need

- ◆ Ken Blackford—health issues
- ◆ Susie Burke (Laura Laux' mother)—surgery in March
- ◆ Belinda Crawford and family
- ◆ Eugene Crow—surgery soon
- ◆ Whitney Derrick—expecting
- ◆ Chloe Fleming—liver disease
- ◆ Mrs. Foster—broken leg, surgery
- ◆ Wanda Hunter—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Vernie Mann (Chris Wynn's mother)—health problems
- ◆ Brenda Mateer—surgery recovery

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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



**March 27**  
4th Wednesday  
Singing

**May 5-10**  
Our Gospel Meeting  
with various speakers

**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

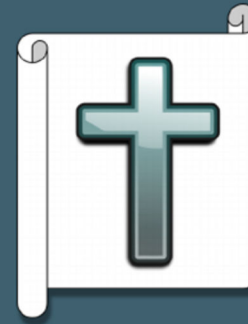


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

## Privileged to Serve



**Announcements**—Glenn Howze  
**Song Leading**—David Howze (Sun.)  
 Ethan Howze (Wed.)  
**Serving the Lord's Supper**  
 Head: Leo Derrick; Helpers: Justin Derrick, Josh Lawson, Chris Wynn  
**Lord's Supper PM**  
 Head: Glenn Howze  
 Helper: Chris Wynn  
**Scripture Reading**—Justin Derrick



# 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

5761 Hwy. 4  
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churchofChristatBaker.com

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104.7FM Sundays 8:30AM

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## Fragile: Handle With Care

Mark Lindley

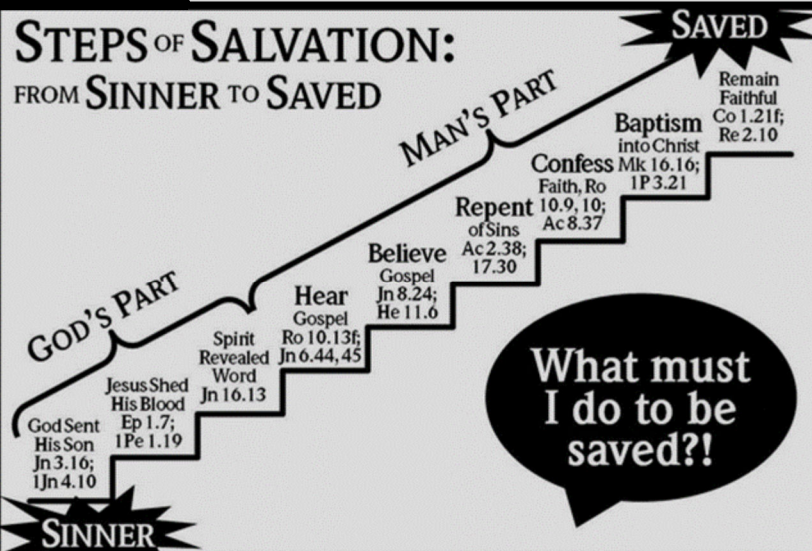
You have likely seen a package with the label: "Fragile: Handle with Care." If not handled carefully, the contents of a package bearing that label could be damaged or broken. When handling such a package, one cannot afford to be too rough.

The same could be said of some who are members of the church—they must be "handled" with extreme care, lest they get offended. Christians should always be kind and loving to one another: "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Eph 4:32). "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another" (Rom. 12:10).

Sometimes, we may offend someone because we fail to show enough warmth and love for one another. We can always grow in Christian character, and we can always strive to become more like Jesus. However, it seems there are some who are just too sensitive, and they *imagine* that others are unloving and insensitive. The problem with such

## 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).

church members is not that others are unloving or insensitive. The real problem is that they are ultra sensitive, and any little thing—real or imagined—will offend them.

Some are easily offended if another church member does not speak to them. They might say, “He offended me because he isn’t very friendly.” They may not even consider that the one who did not speak might have been distracted, was having a bad day, or was sick and simply did not feel well. Others might be offended because the preacher preaches a strong sermon, and they imagine that they know the preacher’s motive and that he was picking on them. The preacher, however, may have had a totally different reason for presenting the sermon.

Yes, some people can come up with a thousand reasons they have been offended: “I was sick and only one person called to check on me”; “He said something hurtful to me twenty-five years ago”; “She looked at me the wrong way,” etc. Nevertheless, God’s Word teaches us to grow up, mature in the faith, and to put away such childish attitudes: “And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?” (1 Cor. 3:1-4). Paul reminds us, “When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things’ (1 Cor. 13:11).

One should never turn away from the Lord and His church just because he was “offended.” On the final Day of Judgment, the Lord will not accept—“I was offended”—as an excuse for unfaithfulness. Let’s resolve to not be so fragile!

(from *Words of Truth*, September, 2009)

## Helps in Handling Bereavement

Hardeman Nichols

Since the pale of death pierces every mortal, it is necessary for all of us to learn how to handle bereavement. I have watched with great admiration and respect the courage that has borne many a saint through hours of sorrow. Here is some of the practical advice I have seen others use in dealing with grief:

**Express your emotions.** Since Jesus wept, it should not be considered a Christian virtue to be unmoved by the loss of a loved one. There is a difference between suppressing one’s emotion and losing one’s self-control. The Bible does not say, “Sorrow not,” but it says, “Sorrow not, even as others which have no hope” (1 Thessalonians 4:13).

**Seek the aid of your friends.** The very presence of friends is an encouragement. When Paul neared Rome, the brethren came to meet him and he “thanked God, and took courage” (Acts 28:15).

**Compel yourself to be with people.** Your inclination may be to retreat into the refuge of privacy, but there is a greater need than one realizes to associate with others. David did (2 Samuel 12:19-23).

**Express your feelings in words.** Talking about it will help you to accept it. If this is done at the outset of bereavement, one will sooner be able to stabilize his life.

**Avail yourself of spiritual resources.** Even though you may not have realized the importance of the Scriptures and their comfort, they can help in building your faith (Romans 15:4). The power of prayer and the peace of God are very precious possessions.

**Don’t brood over what might have been.** Both Mary and Martha said, “If thou hadst been here, my brother had not died” (John 11:21,32).

**Actively pursue worthwhile tasks.** Once the initial shock has been dealt with, get busy at other things. Resolve like Paul to reach “forth unto those things which are before” (Philippians 3:13).

**Make careful, thoughtful decisions.** Many an individual jumps hastily into deciding the full scope of the future rather than waiting until he has regained a proper perspective of life. Don’t get in a hurry (Proverbs 14:15). Make prayerful decisions.

**Increase your trust in God.** Those who have come through their sorrows with a deeper faith can verify that God, who rules over all, truly does make all things work together for good (Romans 8:28).

After the crisis of grief, you can serve more fully and sympathize more completely with men of like passions. With Paul, you too can thank God for the comfort received in knowing that it has now given you the ability to comfort others who are in any trouble.