

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—health problems
- ♦ Eloise Hoffman—lung cancer
- ♦ Florene Howze—improving
- ♦ Ann Moss—surgery recovery
- ♦ Jim Ward—good scan results

Others in Need

- ♦ Ken Blackford—health issues
- ♦ Susie Burke (Laura Laux' mother)—surgery in March
- ♦ Eugene Crow—car wreck recovery (Martha W.'s grandfather)
- ♦ Whitney Derrick—expecting
- ♦ Chloe Fleming—liver disease
- ♦ Wanda Hunter—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Sue Johnson—PCU unit
- ♦ Vernie Mann (Chris Wynn's mother)—health problems
- ♦ Brenda Mateer—stage 4 cancer; surgery Wed. Mar. 6th
- ♦ Patricia Pierce—bronchitis

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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 3
Fellowship Meal after Morning Worship

March 10
Monthly Men's Meeting

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

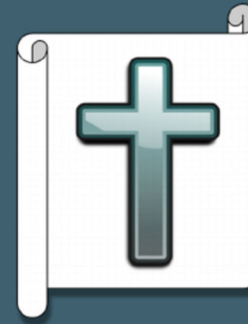


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

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



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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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How to Overcome Peer Pressure

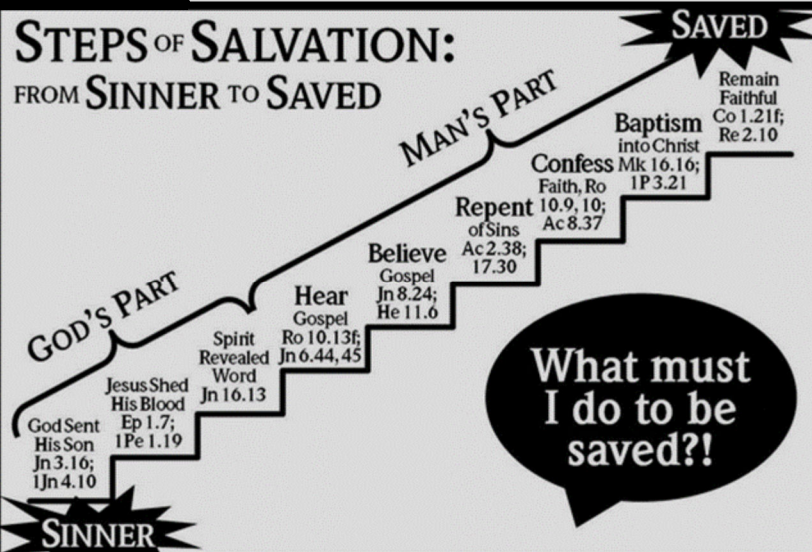
Jeff Grimes

Peer pressure is a tremendous force on all of us, but more especially on young people. The need to be liked, popular, and accepted by one's peers is greatly desired by all. So much so that often young people do things, even sinful things in order to "fit in" with their peers. This could include a number of sins from smoking dope, drinking beer, to premarital sex. No one wants to be labeled a "square", and ridiculed as a "chicken," "wimp," or someone not "cool." How can our young folks find the strength to overcome the overwhelming temptation to surrender to peer pressure and join the crowd? After all, everybody else IS doing it!

Remember the short article "Back To School" in last week's bulletin? I issued a challenge to our young folks to read a chapter a day in the book of Proverbs. There are 31 chapters, so in a month's time you could read the entire book of Proverbs. Then start over and do it again, then again, and again. You will not believe the wisdom and strength you will have by school's end. This

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).

will bless your life now and for eternity if you apply what you learn. The book of Proverbs have principles that will help one cope with peer pressure, and not give in. I have listed a few thoughts for your consideration.

1. Be Careful of Who You Admire: *"Let not thy heart envy sinners..."* (Pr. 23:17a). *"Be not thou envious of evil men, neither desire to be with them"* (Pr. 24:1). The entertainment industry consisting of the Hollywood, and Nashville crowd has no worthy role models to emulate. Although your peers will view them as "celebrities," and "stars," they are anything but that. The vast majority are drunkards, dope addicts, adulterers and fornicators who have hearts filled with pride and arrogance. They exhibit no spiritual qualities whatsoever. Remember the ungodly will not prosper. *"The ungodly are not so: [prosperous] but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but **the way of the ungodly shall perish**"* (Psalms 1:4-6). The only perfect example to emulate, and the only sure steps to follow are those of Jesus (I Peter 2:21). Lift up Christ as your role model, regardless.

2. Examine Your Thoughts Constantly: *"...but be thou in the fear of the Lord **all the day long**"* (Proverbs 23:17b). *"For as a man thinketh in his heart so is he..."* (Proverbs 23:7). Think on things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous, and praiseworthy (Philippians 4:8). The majority of your peers dose not think these kind of thoughts. Your thinking must be different from those around you. You must be able to think for your self to overcome.

3. Accept The Responsibility of Guiding Your Heart: *"Hear thou my son, and be wise, and **guide thine heart in the way**"* (Pr. 23:19). "In

the way" is the way of good and right. *"**Through thy precepts [Bible] I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way**"* (Psalm 119:104). Young people, never let your peers define what's right and wrong. Only the Bible can do that. *"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life"* (Pr. 4:23). Never *"follow a multitude to do evil"* (Exodus 23:2). Always follow God's word, and it will light the path for your feet (Psalm 119:105). Following the precepts of God will never lead to shame (Psalms 119:6), but giving in to peer pressure often does (Pr. 3:35).

4. Choose Your Friends Wisely: *"Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh"* (Pr. 23:20). *"My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not"* (Pr. 1:10). Whither fair or not, most of the time people judge you by your friends. My mama would tell me "Jeff, if you play with a Billy goat, you are going to smell like a Billy goat." We do tend to take on the characteristics of those with whom we associate. Young folks remember, *"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold"* (Pr. 22:1) The wise man repeats the importance of a good name again in Eccl. 7:2—*"A good name is better than precious ointment..."* A good name can be ruined in one careless moment. Choose friends that will help protect your good name.

5. Remember Sin's Reward: *"For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags"* (Pr. 23:21). The apostle Paul repeated the principle found here in Galatians 6:7—*"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, **THAT shall he ALSO reap.**"* Sin has a way of blinding one to the end result. Sin disguises itself as our servant, but in the end it becomes our master. You can never make sin your servant, no matter how hard you try. **Master** is the only role sin will play! *"Then when lust has conceived it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished it brings forth death"* (James 1:15).