

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—health problems
- ♦ Jennifer Derrick—good dr. report; more tests soon
- ♦ Eloise Hoffman—lung cancer
- ♦ Florene Howze—health problems
- ♦ Rick Laux—EGD on 4/15
- ♦ Kynlie Lawson—tests soon
- ♦ Jim Ward—health problems
- ♦ Martha Wynn—oral surgery recovery

### Others in Need

- ♦ Ken Blackford—health issues
- ♦ Susie Burke (Laura Laux' mother)—surgery recovery
- ♦ Belinda Crawford and family
- ♦ Eugene Crow—surgery soon
- ♦ Whitney Derrick—expecting
- ♦ Amelia Hogan (Wynns' niece)—cystic fibrosis; respiratory infection
- ♦ Wanda Hunter—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Brenda Mateer—surgery recovery
- ♦ Chris Wynn's father and mother—health problems

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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



**April 14**  
*Men's Meeting @ 3:30*

**April 24**  
*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

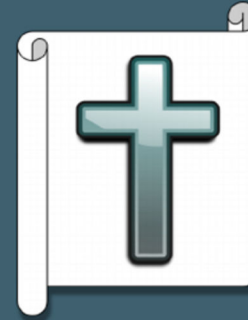


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

## Privileged to Serve



**Announcements**—Leo Derrick  
**Song Leading**—David Howze (Sun.)  
Mark Howze (Wed.)  
**Serving the Lord's Supper**  
Head: Mark Howze Helpers: Wilfred Derrick, Ethan Howze, Josh Lawson  
**Lord's Supper PM**  
Head: Glenn Howze  
Helper: Caleb Howze  
**Scripture Reading**—Logan Holt



# THE BAKER BULLETIN

*The weekly bulletin of*  
**The church of Christ in Baker, FL**

**April 14, 2019**

## Meeting Times

### Sundays:

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

### Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

## Other Information

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104.7FM Sundays 8:30AM

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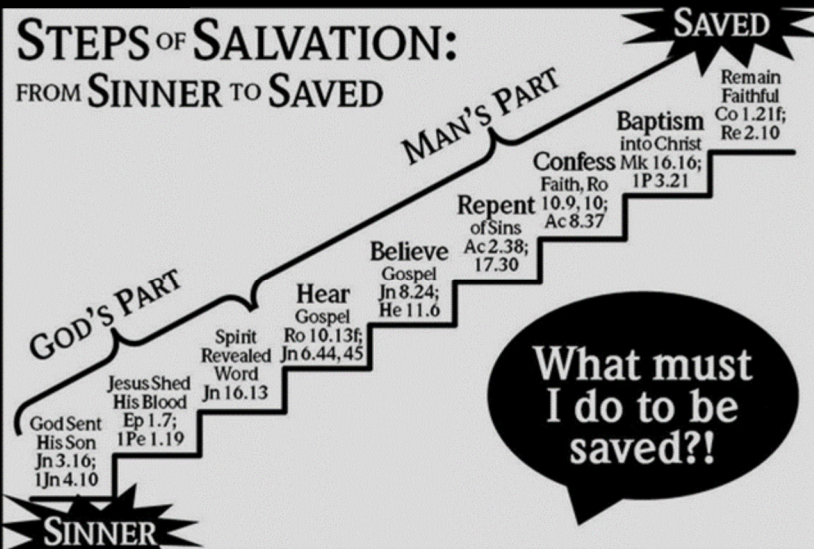
## A Few (?) Words from Jason

Sometimes I wonder how many people listen to our radio program on Sunday mornings at 8:30. I guess there is no way to know. We do get positive feedback from time to time, and one man who heard the radio program came to services a while back and ended up being converted through further studies. That was great, but it had been a while since we got positive feedback until last week. A family from Alabama was visiting with us. They have family in Crestview, and they said they first found out about us online. They said they listened to the radio program Sunday morning, and that is what made them decide to visit with us.

On the radio program I was talking about another family who had recently visited with us: Two weeks ago we had a family visiting for Bible class and worship who were originally from Russia, and lately from Canada. On their way back to Canada they saw the church building, and decided to stop. They were not members of the church of Christ, but were attending apparently out of

## 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).

curiosity. When they heard what was taught about baptism, they became very excited, and told me so between Bible class and worship. They said that a few years ago the husband had decided to put away all commentaries and simply study the Bible. When he did this, he realized that baptism is necessary for salvation, just as God said so many times in the New Testament (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:36-41; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-5; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:11-13; 1 Peter 3:20-21, etc.). However, this is not taught in the church where he worships, or any other churches he had found. When he had first found the truth, his wife did not agree with him, until he got her to stop and listen, and really study what God said with an open mind (Lk. 8:15). When he had told the local preacher where he worships in Canada what he had learned about baptism from the Bible, the preacher said, "You are 99% right, but if you teach that from the pulpit, it will cause a revolution." This is not surprising to me, after having studied with many preachers in denominations in the USA who reject the truth with no defense when it is staring them in the face. Sometimes the preacher will even admit he is wrong, but refuses to change. Although there is more to being a Christian than knowing the Truth about baptism, this family from Canada is just one example of many who have found the Truth by desiring to study for themselves and allowing what God says to overrule what men say.

When the family from Alabama heard the radio program about the Canadian family, they decided to visit. Both of these families were encouraging to me, because it reminds me that the work the church is doing in Baker is not in vain. Christians are being edified, and the lost are hearing the Truth. I do want to mention that the radio program can be heard from anywhere in the world at 8:30AM CST on Sundays by visiting our website, which has a link to the radio station's site: [www.churchofChristatBaker.com](http://www.churchofChristatBaker.com). We give all glory to God and thank Him for every opportunity to serve Him.

## Secondhand Religion

Jason Patrick Hilburn

I wonder how many people rely on the "faith of their fathers" to hopefully get them to Heaven, without ever really seeking the Truth on their own? So many are reared under so many different beliefs. These opposing religions cannot all be right, yet how many truly objectively question what they have been taught their whole lives and honestly seek the Truth? (Proverbs 8:17; Acts 17:27; Hebrews 11:6). The sad fact is that most Dads and Moms in the world are wrong when it comes to matters of faith (Matthew 7:13-14). When it comes down to it, who would want to risk his eternal destiny by simply relying on "what Dad said"? (Matthew 16:26). What if Dad was wrong? Is it possible to be sincere, but wrong at the same time? *"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; But the end thereof are the ways of death"* (Proverbs 14:12). If you are about to breathe your last breath, will it be any comfort to say to yourself, "I hope Dad was right"?

We cannot go to Heaven on someone else's beliefs. We must study and arrive at our own convictions. We must arrive at a firsthand faith, which we truly believe and are willing by which to live (John 6:45; Matt. 10:38, 39). That *"pure and undefiled religion"* will only come from God's Word entering a sincere heart (Romans 10:17; Luke 8:15; James 1:27). In the book of Acts we read of Paul and Silas making their way to Berea, where the people *"were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so"* (Acts 17:11). These people should be an example to us. Like the Bereans, we should also be willing to investigate what we have been taught to make sure it is correct. Paul instructed the Thessalonians to *"prove all things; hold fast that which is good"* (1 Thess. 5:21). If what we believe is the Truth, it will still be standing after all the questions and criticisms have been brought forth.

Finally, we are to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30). How can we truly love God in that way if our only reason to do so is because "Mama said we should"? When we really dig into God's Word, we learn that He first loved us, and the amazing magnitude of that love. *"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins...We love him, because he first loved us"* (1 John 4:10, 19; cf. John 3:16; Romans 5:8-10; Ephesians 3:14-21). We must have a firsthand religion, and if we seek answers in God's Word with an honest heart, we *"shall know the truth, and the truth shall make [us] free"* (John 8:32).