

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—health problems
- ◆ Eloise Hoffman—lung cancer
- ◆ Florene Howze—health problems
- ◆ Rick Laux—undergoing tests
- ◆ Jim Ward—health problems
- ◆ Ella Wynn—fevers, stomach pain
- ◆ Martha Wynn—oral surgery recovery

Others in Need

- ◆ Ken Blackford—health issues
- ◆ Emily Burkett (Whitney's friend)—lost her baby son Griffin
- ◆ Belinda Crawford and family
- ◆ Eugene Crowe (Martha Wynn's grandfather)—health problems
- ◆ Whitney Derrick—expecting
- ◆ Kristin Erickson—car wreck; recovering from arm surgery
- ◆ 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



May 5-10 Gospel Mtg.
Sun.-Mike Ray
Mon.-Jeff Stacy
Tues.-Brandon Baggett
Wed.-Jason Holladay
Thurs.-Eric Farris
Fri.-Jared Knoll

May 22
4th Wednesday Singing

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



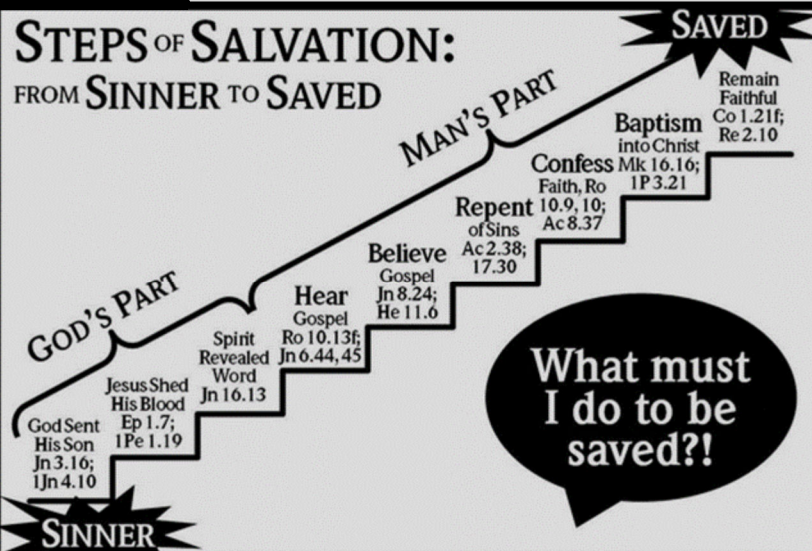
We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

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

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).

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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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MIA's of the Lord's Army

Tom Holland

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World War II, which many of us vividly remember, resulted in millions of deaths, multitudes of physical and emotional wounds, thousands of widows and orphans, shattered dreams and broken hearts that never healed. In the course of the years, many grieving fathers, mothers, wives and children had their hurt taken to "the silent city." But for others, the pain of MIA loved ones still lingers. According to the Dec. 13/20, 2008, issue of World, more than 50 years after the global tragedy of WWII, some 72,500 Americans are still classified as missing in action ("Rest in Peace," 13). The New Testament often uses the metaphor of warfare in explaining the Christian life (Eph. 6:10-18; 2 Tim. 2:3-4; 2 Cor. 10:3-5). The statistic of wartime MIAs makes one wonder how many in the Lord's army are currently missing in action. In any city or community where the Lord's church has existed for any length of time, there are those who have wandered away spiritually.

If the MIAs could be identified and restored or converted (Gal. 6:1; Jam. 5:19-20), membership in the Lord's army would probably nearly double. The Lord's concern and love for spiritual MIAs is seen in His exhortation to those still fighting the good fight of faith to identify, restore and convert people who continue to be important to the Savior.

Many people are now missing in action because of life with its trouble, illnesses and heartaches got them so discouraged that they wandered astray. God's people often suffer trials, pain, disappointment and illness (Jam. 1:2; 1 Pet. 1:5-9). Paul knew the potential blessings of perseverance, character and hope that could come from a proper reaction to the trials of life; therefore he could say "We glory in tribulations" (Rom. 5:3 NKJV). However, if people blame God for the pain and trials of life that come from Satan, they may indeed become MIAs in the Lord's army (1 Pet. 5:8-9).

In Scripture, the Holy Spirit warned God's people of the danger Christian soldiers face. God's soldiers are admonished to refuse the efforts of the world to win conformity to its distorted values (Rom.12:1-2). John warned, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world" (1 John 2:15 KJV).

This age is a time of intellectual confusion because of such philosophies as humanism, secularism, materialism, hedonism and relativism. How many young people are now MIA because some atheistic professor robbed them of their faith or some pleasure-seeking and pleasure-preaching peers led them into a sinful life? No wonder the Bible warns of the danger of human philosophy.

The world is not only intellectually confused but also characterized by moral corruption (2 Pet. 1:3- 4). The salient characteristics are identified as works of the flesh. The morality of this age is as corrupted as in the time of Isaiah when people were calling evil good and good evil (Isa. 5:20). Killing children in the name of abortion is supposedly good. If not, why have some 50 million been so abused? Rejecting God's plan for marriage (Mat. 19:1-9) for an alternative lifestyle is supposedly good, but taking God's Word to show the sanctity of marriage of one man to one woman is evil or homophobic.

Can you imagine the suffering of parents and spouses whose beloved soldiers are unaccounted for? If so, perhaps it will give an insight into the "longsuffering of God" when some of His children are MIA. Can we not see why there is "joy in heaven over one sinner who repents?"

Organizations are now actively seeking the mortal remains of MIAs from WWII. On one South Sea island, the bodies of 139 sailors and Marines have recently been recovered (World, p.13). Now is the time for elders, preachers and all Christians to seek actively to find, reclaim, restore and convert the MIAs of the church (Gal. 6:1). May we be moved to action by the possibility of bringing joy to heaven because, as our Savior declared, "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10).

Editor's note: Brother Holland wrote this around 10 years ago. He recently passed from this life on April 25, 2019 at age 87.

- Remember and Forget Not -

Deut. 9:7

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN BAKER

invites you to our *Homecoming Gospel Meeting*

MAY 5 - 10, 2019

Sunday - Mike Ray

10 am - Remember Him Who Endured the Cross

11 am - Remember That Jesus Christ was Raised

12 pm - Lunch Provided

2 pm - Remember and Forget Not, Because He is Coming Again

Monday - Jeff Stacy

7 pm - Forget Not to Do Good and Communicate

Tuesday - Brandon Baggett

7 pm - Remember Lot's Wife

Wednesday - Jason Holladay

7 pm - Remember Now Thy Creator

Thursday - Eric Farrior

7 pm - Remember What the Lord Thy God Did unto Miriam

Friday - Jared Knoll

7 pm - Remember How Short Our Time Is



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