

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—home now; still weak
- ♦ Eloise Hoffman—lung cancer
- ♦ Florene Howze—health problems
- ♦ Hannah Lawson—expecting
- ♦ Jim Ward—health problems

Others in Need

- ♦ Ken Blackford—health issues
- ♦ Don Blackwell—spinal injury
- ♦ Emily Burkett (Whitney's friend)—lost her baby son Griffin
- ♦ Belinda Crawford and family
- ♦ Eugene Crowe (Martha Wynn's grandfather)—health problems
- ♦ Duane Dawson—health problems
- ♦ Avery Derrick (Whitney's baby)—spot on heart is gone
- ♦ Whitney Derrick—expecting
- ♦ Kristin Erickson—surgery recovery
- ♦ Amelia Hogan (Wynns' niece)—cystic fibrosis; respiratory infection
- ♦ Wanda Hunter—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Brenda Mateer—surgery recovery

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- ♦ Phillip Vanwinkle—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Chris Wynn's father and mother—health problems
- ♦ Pray also for those who have lost loved ones, first responders, police officers, government leaders, military, those traveling, alien sinners, those fallen away, our enemies, the church at Baker and worldwide.

Events



June 2
Fellowship Meal

June 2-6
Gospel Meeting at Sasser with Mike Ray

June 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

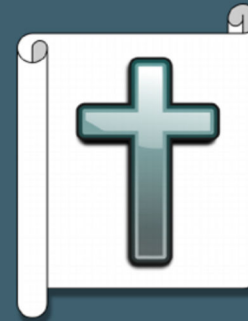


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



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



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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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Friend, I Want You to Know This About Jesus' Church

Neil Richey

Drive down the road, and you won't travel far until you come to a church building with a name on it representative of a creed and people. Go a little further and you will find another church building, with another name on it representative of a different creed and people. How confusing it must be to those who are diligently searching for the truth of which church is right.

When one searches for the true church we read about in the New Testament, what will he find? This short essay will point out some of the characteristics of the one true church.

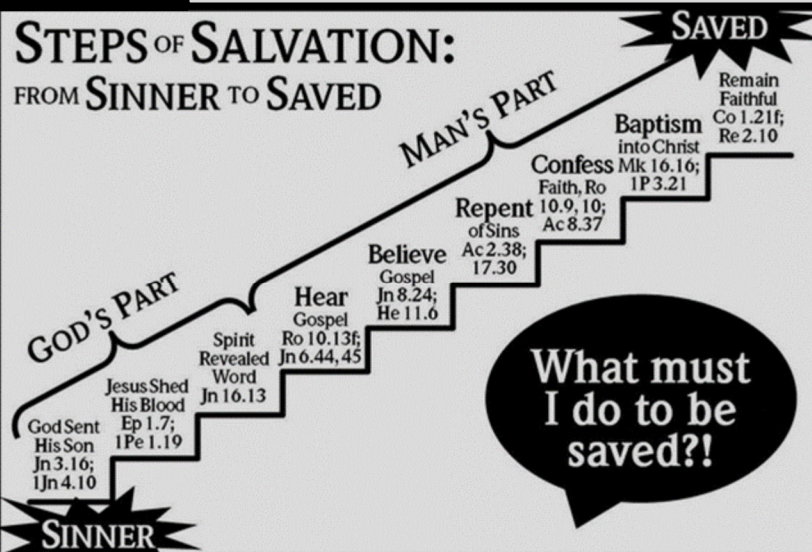
Friend, I want you to know that Jesus' church was built upon the right foundation.

Jesus said, "...Upon this rock [this solid foundation] I will build my church..." (Mt. 16:18). The solid foundation is the Christ, the Son of God. Peter is not the foundation upon which the church is built. The church that belongs to Christ was not built upon Martin Luther, John Wesley, John Calvin, or any other man. Jesus is the foundation upon which the church is built. He is the stone that is made the head of the corner. Paul wrote, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11).

Friend, I want you to know that Jesus' church is not a denomination.

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).

The word denomination is simply defined as division. The world is full of religious division or denominations. Yet, the Lord said, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (Jn. 17:20-21). Denominationalism is directly opposed to the unity which Jesus prayed for.

On a differing occasion, Paul told the divided Christians in Corinth, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Cor. 1:10). Denominationalism is also in direct violation of that which the inspired penman wrote.

Friend, I want you to know that Jesus' church wears a Bible name.

Why would I want to be a member of a church that wears the name of a man rather than the Lord (ie. Baptist, Wesleyan, Lutheran, etc.)? I only want to be a member of a church that wears a Bible name. For instance, in Paul's letter to the Romans he penned these words, "Salute one another with an holy kiss. **The churches of Christ** salute you" (Rm. 16:16, NR).

Friend, I want you to know that Jesus' church was paid for with the blood of Christ.

The church that belongs to Christ was paid for with His life's blood. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). The Lord did not shed His blood to establish one single denomination. He shed His blood to establish the church. As one put it, "the devil holds the mortgage on every denomination, and one day he is going to foreclose."

Friend, I want you to know that Jesus' church practices scriptural worship.

Today, you name it and it can be considered worship. I know brethren who have become delinquent in attendance finding more pleasure on a lake or at the golf course on Sunday than at the church building for worship. When asked about their dereliction of duty they respond, "Well I am worshipping God in nature."

For it to be true New Testament worship, two things are required--spirit and truth. The Lord said, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (Jn. 4:24). The right spirit is the right attitude. The truth is that

for which we have New Testament authority. That is why--in biblical churches of Christ--you will find singing versus singing and playing an instrument (Eph. 5:19), the Lord's supper being served every Sunday (Acts 20:7), praying (1 Thes. 5:17), giving (1 Cor. 16:1-2) and preaching (Acts 2:42).

I want to be a member of the church of Christ for these reasons. You see, one day I will stand before the Christ in Judgment to give an account of my life--including my religious practices. If I am not a member of His church, what then? Will you obey the gospel of Christ, thus being added to Jesus' church? (Acts 2:38,47).

Interesting Quotes Regarding Denominationalism

"I ask that men make no reference to my name, and call themselves not Lutherans, but Christians. What is Luther?, my doctrine, I am sure, is not mine, nor have I been crucified for any one. St. Paul, in I Corinthians 1, would not allow Christians to call themselves Pauline or Petrene, but Christian. How then should I, poor, foul carcass that I am, come to have men give to the children of Christ a name derived from my worthless name? No, no, my dear friends: let us abolish all party names, and call ourselves Christians..." —Martin Luther (A Compendia of Luther's Theology, pg. 135, The Westminster Press, 1943).

"Would to God that all party names, and unscriptural phrases and forms which have divided the Christian world, were forgot...that the very name (Methodist) might never be mentioned more, but be buried in eternal oblivion." —John Wesley (Universal Knowledge, Vol. 9, pg. 540),

"I look forward with pleasure to the day when there will not be a Baptist living! I hope that the Baptist name will soon perish, but let Christ's name last forever." —Charles Spurgeon (Spurgeon Memorial Library, Vol. 1, pg. 168.)

"Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up" (Matthew 15:12,13).