Prayer List

Of Our Number

- Janice Carnley—home now; still weak
- Eloise Hoffman—lung cancer
- Florene Howze—health problems
- ♦ Hannah Lawson—Having a BOY!
- 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
- ♦ Whitney Derrick—expecting
- ♦ Kristin Erickson—better; therapy
- ♦ Amelia Hogan (Wynns' niece)—
- cystic fibrosis; respiratory infection
- Wanda Hunter—stage 4 cancer
- Brenda Mateer—surgery recovery
- Phillip Vanwinkle—stage 4 cancer



 Chris Wynn's father and mother—health problems

Pray also for those who have lost

officers, government leaders,

military, those traveling, alien

sinners, those fallen away, our

Events

4th Wednesday Singing

Fellowship Meal after

worldwide.

June 26

Julv 7

AM Worship

enemies, the church at Baker and

loved ones, first responders, police



we are nappy and nonored 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—Mark Howze Song Leading—David Howze (Sun.) Caleb Howze (Wed.) <u>Serving the Lord's Supper</u> Head: Glenn Howze Helpers: Justin Derrick, Wilfred Derrick, Ethan Howze <u>Lord's Supper PM</u> Head: Mark Howze Helper: Leo Derrick Scripture Reading—Logan Holt

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)

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A Few Words from Jason

Meeting Times

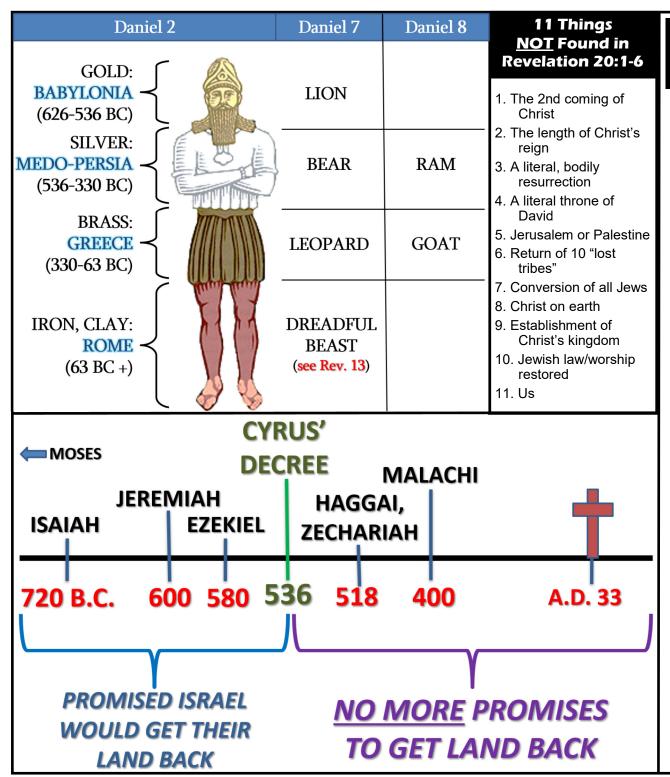
Sundays: 10AM Bible Class 11AM Worship 5:30PM Pew Packers 6PM Worship Wednesdays: 7PM Bible Class

Other Information

5761 Hwy. 4 P.O. Box 285 Baker, FL 32531 USA 850-669-9117 Website: churchofChristatBaker.com Radio Program: 104.7FM Sundays 8:30AM Jason Hilburn's Info: 850-826-8198 jasonhilburn@yahoo.com TheBibleDomain.com On the next page I put information from the recent sermon series we have had, called "Refuting the Premill Timeline." Although Premillennialism is false and can be readily disproven, it is reportedly believed by at least 75% of self-proclaimed Bible believers. Topics such as "the rapture," the AntiChrist, a literal battle of Armageddon, and the alleged 1000 year reign of Christ on earth get people's hearts racing, but these are all tenets of a blatantly false doctrine that gives people a false hope and makes Christ appear to be a failure in establishing His kingdom. There is an article on my website (TheBibleDomain.com) on the Media page called "Premillennialism Vs. God" that may be helpful to those studying this. I also plan to make a more concise handout available to the congregation.

The article I wrote for this week's bulletin is about evangelism. I firmly believe that the best way to convert the lost is not through informal discussion "at the water fountain" or online disputes on Facebook, but rather through a formal Bible study setting in which Bibles are opened and questions are answered directly from God's Word. Yes, electronic tools have their place, and conversations and reading materials can lead to conversions, but personal Bible studies are generally most effective.

I have tried several methods of (and tools for) personal evangelism since I was converted, and I'm finally using something with which I feel very comfortable. I decided to make my own 3-part study guide to use in "sit-down" personal Bible studies. It's called *Simply Scriptures: A Non-Denominational Bible Study Guide*. I gleaned ideas from various other tools like *Back to the Bible* and *Open Bible Study*, but tailored this to my own preferences. I shared it with the men's Bible class here at Baker, and we worked through it. I asked them to give me constructive criticism, and I modified it further with their suggestions. I'm happy to share the study guide and "prestudy questionnaire" with members of the Lord's church. You may request free digital copies via email: jasonhilburn@yahoo.com.



A "Sermon Seen" is Not a Sermon Heard

Jason Patrick Hilburn

Perhaps you have heard someone say, *"I would rather see a sermon than hear one any day!"* While the intention behind the statement may be good, one must be careful that he does not over-emphasize morality while minimizing the power of God's Word. Yes, God condemns hypocrisy and commands His children to do good works and live holy lives (Matthew 7:1-5, 21; Romans 2:1, 21-23; 12:1, 2; Galatians 6:10; 1 Peter 1:14-16). However, Christ did not simply command His disciples to go forth and live good moral lives before the lost to save them—He commanded them to go preach the Gospel and baptize people! (Mark 16:15, 16). Romans 1:16 does **not** say, *"For I am not ashamed of a good moral life, because it is the power of God unto salvation..."* It seems that some members of the Lord's church have convinced themselves that as long as they refrain from immorality and are kind to others, they have done their duty to God.

The Truth is that any religious person (or even an atheist) can generally live a moral lifestyle; therefore, simply doing this does not really set us apart from the lost (cf. John 17:17). The Lord's church has the most precious Message man has ever heard, but if we are not spreading that unique Message, we have failed! (Matthew 13:44-46). Living a morally pure lifestyle may get someone's attention in a positive way, but that alone is not enough. They will never be converted from lost to saved without being exposed to the rightly divided Word of God (2 Timothy 2:15-18; cf. Romans 6:17, 18; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:22).

Perhaps some Christians who live morally are not as evangelistic as they should be, because they know how controversial the Truth is. Among other things, the lost need to hear that the divine Son of God really did die on the cross for all people, and that He was raised from the dead (Hebrews 2:9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4). That is controversial to people like atheists, Jews, and Muslims. The lost need to hear that baptism really is necessary for salvation, which is controversial to those in denominations (Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21, etc.). They need to hear that there is only one church purchased by and authorized by Christ, which is also very controversial (Ephesians 1:22, 23; 4:4; 5:23). They need to know about the New Testament pattern for worship, that God hates sins like homosexuality and abortion, and many other Truths that will very likely upset them because of their current beliefs or lifestyles.

Teaching people such things is much more difficult than simply living a moral lifestyle. Most people will not get upset with you for living a good moral life, but many will get upset when they realize that what you are teaching implies that their beliefs and practices are wrong. This controversy and threat to personal relationships is a risk Christians must be willing to take, even if it leads to their deaths! (Matthew 10:32-39; Mark 8:38; John 8:40; Revelation 2:10). However, it seems many have convinced themselves that this is not a part of their responsibility as Christians (cf. Ezekiel 33:8; Colossians 1:28).

Brothers and sisters, the Lord's church needs to come to life and be evangelistic! Simply living morally and being kind to others is not being evangelistic. The word "evangelism" has the word "angel" in the middle of it. An angel is a messenger, and if children of God are not spreading the Message of God's Word, they are not ev**angel**izing! Christians must both live pure lives and teach people how to be faithful Christians. May we never consider ourselves faithful by simply living in moral (or even doctrinal) purity. We must teach the lost the Truth that will make them free!