

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—health problems
- ◆ Eloise Hoffman—lung cancer
- ◆ Florene Howze—health problems
- ◆ Hannah Lawson—expecting
- ◆ Jim Ward—health problems

Others in Need

- ◆ Ken Blackford—health issues
- ◆ Belinda Crawford and family
- ◆ Eugene Crowe (Martha Wynn's grandfather)—health problems
- ◆ Whitney Derrick—heart issues
- ◆ Kristin Erickson—better; therapy
- ◆ Amelia Hogan (Wynns' niece)—cystic fibrosis; respiratory infection
- ◆ Wanda Hunter—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Brenda Mateer—surgery recovery
- ◆ Thad McCall—cancer
- ◆ Phillip Vanwinkle—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Chris Wynn's father and mother—health problems

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- ◆ Martha Wynn—severe tooth pain
- ◆ 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



July 14
Men's Meeting @ 3:30

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).

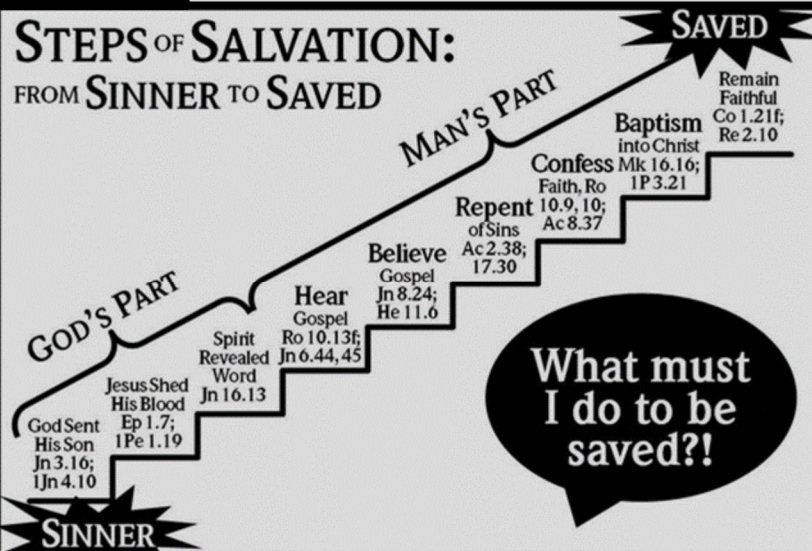
Privileged to Serve



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

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).

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Meeting Times

Sundays:

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

Wednesdays:

- 7PM Bible Class

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15 Reasons Not to Use Mechanical Instruments in Worship

Jason Patrick Hilburn

1. Worship must be offered exactly the way God specified. It is not about what we may want, but what God wants. Just ask Cain, Nadab, Abihu, Korah, Jeroboam, Uzziah, and many others who "learned this the hard way" in the Bible (Genesis 4:1-5; Leviticus 10:1-3; 1 Kings 12:26-33; 13:4; 2 Chronicles 26:16-23; Matthew 15:9; John 4:23, 24; Colossians 2:23, etc.).
2. Mechanical instruments are not authorized in the New Testament for worship. God specified singing as the type of music He desires in New Testament worship (Romans 15:9; 1 Corinthians 14:15; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; James 5:13; cf. Acts 16:25; Hebrews 2:12, etc.).
3. Mechanical instruments were authorized in Old Testament worship, but New Testament worship is different (e.g., no more traveling to Jerusalem, no more burning incense, sacrificing animals, etc.). In fact, no act of NT worship is exactly the same as similar OT counterparts.
4. Just because God approved of a practice in the past, that does not mean God still desires that today. For example, God first told Moses to strike the rock, then later told him to speak to the rock. Moses followed the former command instead of the newer, and he was not allowed to enter the promised land (Exodus 17:6; Numbers 20:7-12). Today we should not follow the former command to "strike" an

- instrument, but the command to "speak" in the music offered (Ephesians 5:19).
5. Mechanical instruments were generally connected to tabernacle/temple worship which is now obsolete, not applicable to anyone alive today (2 Chronicles 29:25, 26).
 6. Mechanical instruments were not used by the Jews in their synagogues, whose worship assemblies were similar to those of the early church in several ways.
 7. Mechanical instruments were for a time when worship was more outward and carnal (just like incense and other outward items of OT worship), but New Testament worship is inward and spiritual (1 Corinthians 14:15; Ephesians 5:18, 19; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 9:10, etc.).
 8. Mechanical instruments do not fulfill the commands to *"be filled with the Spirit,"* to *"speak,"* to *"let the Word of Christ dwell in you,"* to *"teach and admonish"* or to *"sing,"* which are all Biblical criteria for New Testament music (Ephesians 5:18, 19; Colossians 3:16).
 9. Mechanical instruments are mentioned in the Psalms, but so are animal sacrifices (Psalm 66:15).
 10. Jesus sang, and He is our ultimate example (Matthew 26:30; Hebrews 2:12).
 11. When God specified gopher wood for Noah's ark, all other types of wood were automatically excluded (Genesis 6:14). Since Jesus specified unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine for communion, all other foods are excluded (Matthew 26:26-28). By the same logic, because God specified singing in the New Testament, all other types of music are excluded.
 12. The term "a capella" is an ancient term which means "chapel style" singing—the way people sang in corporate worship.
 13. It is a historical fact that mechanical instruments were not introduced into "Christian worship" until hundreds of years after the Bible was completed.
 14. The New Testament was written in the Greek language, and the Greek Orthodox Church (who should obviously know Greek better than anyone) has never used mechanical instruments in worship.
 15. It is a historical fact that most of today's major denominations formerly understood these principles and did not use mechanical instruments in their early history (e.g., the Baptists, Methodists, and Presbyterians). Famous denominational scholars such as John Wesley, John Calvin, Martin Luther, Adam Clarke, Charles Spurgeon and many others staunchly opposed man-made instruments in their assemblies. See quotes from those men and others on *TheBibleDomain.com*. These men are not anyone's standard to follow, but it is noteworthy that they understood the above Scriptural principles on this topic, which have now been forgotten or forsaken by so many.

Try Beginning Again

Gus Nichols

Perhaps some reader has tried to be a Christian, but failed. If so, why not try again? Great success does not always come from a single effort. Worthwhile things are always worth trying and striving for, even if we must try again and again. In the year 1917, a tornado destroyed our home, blew it away and ruined our crops out on the farm before it tore up Carbon Hill, Alabama, and left the dead homeless in its wake. But we did not give up and quit. The next spring, we found ourselves planting again, and soon we were growing crops.

Life is like that. Wars are not usually won by a single battle. But battle after battle must be fought before the victory is won. In a way, some of the battles are lost, but victory belongs to those who win the last battle.

One young man started in to fight the cigarette habit but soon felt that the weed had conquered him. However, he decided that no man is licked who will keep on trying, again and again. So he summoned all his forces and marshaled them against his dangerous habit. A day at a time he vowed to his friends and to God that he would not smoke that day, regardless of what happened. Soon he had conquered a habit that is master of millions in our land.

Very few spend a long life in the service of Christ without ever getting discouraged, and for the moment, giving up in despair. But those who overcome the world are they who (if need be) try again and again – who refuse to surrender to the evil one. If they fail, they go down fighting – soon to rise again.

It is easy to give up and quit when the going gets rough, as it most certainly will – sooner or later. Long roads usually have some detours and rough places over which one must travel in order to reach the desired destiny.

The Christian life is like running a race (Heb. 12:1-2; I Cor. 9:25-27). If one falls he should get up and try again. The New Birth is a sort of "Land of Beginning Again" (John 3:5). So is a restoration of an erring child of God (Gal. 6:1; James 5:19-20).