

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek Rehabilitation Center
- ♦ Jennifer Derrick—scans soon
- ♦ Eloise Hoffman—lung cancer
- ♦ Florene Howze—health problems
- ♦ Hannah Lawson—expecting
- ♦ Brenda Ray—problems with eye

Others in Need

- ♦ Al Aplin—radiation and chemo
- ♦ Deb Aplin—health problems
- ♦ Belinda Crawford and family
- ♦ Bob Duke—health problems
- ♦ Freddie English—kidney problems
- ♦ Jessie Garnes' sister—critical
- ♦ Wanda Hunter—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Joann Medford—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Maureen and William Zephaniah—children of a brother

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we helped in Africa, improving
 ♦ 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



October 13-17

Our Gospel Meeting with Garland Robinson

Sunday: 10am, 11am, 2pm

Monday-Thursday: 7pm

November 2

Leonard St. Ladies Day with Debbie Kea

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: Glenn Helpers: Caleb Howze,
 Ethan Howze, Mark Howze

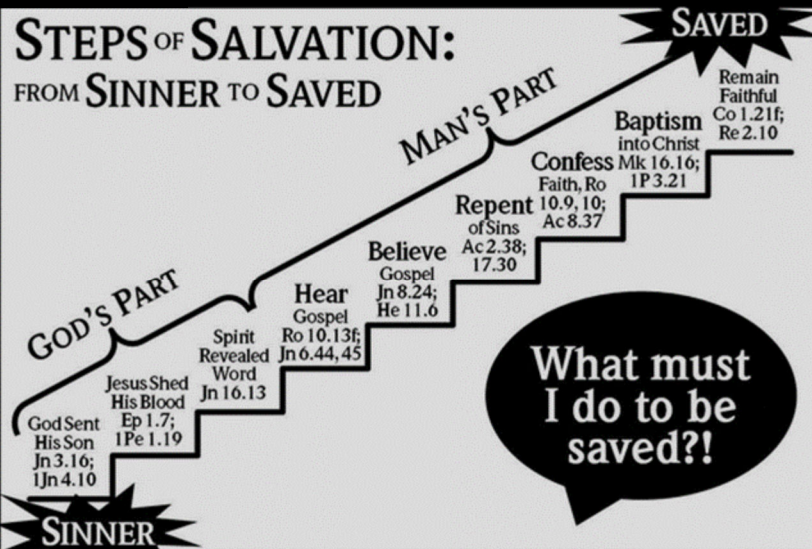
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Leo Derrick
 Helper: Josh Lawson

Scripture Reading—Wilfred Derrick

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).

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

Other Information

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Buy the Truth

Robert Stapleton

Proverbs 23:23, "Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding."

We are living in a world of buying and selling. Directly or indirectly, we are dependent upon it for our livelihood. In the text for this article, the commercial terms "buy" and "sell" are used to teach an important lesson relative to the importance of accepting the truth. With this article we want to consider what it means to "buy the truth and sell it not."

BUY THE TRUTH

Truth is the commodity we are urged to "buy." With that in mind, we ask the question that Pilate asked of Jesus, "what is truth" (John 18:38)? First, we see that it is the Word of God (John 17:17). Second, we see that Jesus is the manifestation of the Truth (John 14:6). Third, we take note that the Gospel with its commands, facts and promises is the truth (Acts 26:25; Gal. 2:14). Once we come to the understanding of what the truth is, we ask, why "buy" it? The answer to this question is simple, **it will save our souls** (James 1:21) and is needed in every effort to live the Christian life.

It is not sufficient to hear about it. It is not sufficient to hear and know about it. It is not sufficient to recommend it to others. It is not sufficient to intend to buy it. To be blessed by the truth, we must "buy" — accept it (Matt. 7:21-23; John 8:32; Heb. 5:9; James 1:22).

BUY ONLY THE TRUTH

We realize that not everything that is sold is as good as it is said to be. We must be careful so as to buy what is authentic and not a “knockoff.” With that understood, we take note that not everything said to be the truth is the truth. Due to this, we need to examine what is said before we “buy” or accept it. We need to examine the doctrine that is taught to verify that it is from God (Acts 17:11; 1 Thess. 5:21). If the Bible teaches it, if it is in harmony with what the Bible teaches, then we should accept it. But if not, it should be rejected! We must discriminate between truth and error (John 5:39). Just about everything of importance has been counterfeited. When it comes to matters of religion, it is important to reject all error, no matter who is teaching it.

BUY ALL THE TRUTH

It is just as bad not to “buy” all the truth as to “buy” what is not truth. Whether we buy a car or a sewing machine, we want all of it. It will do no good to have just part of it. When it comes to the Bible, some will accept part of the truth, but not all of it. Some accept the truth concerning the need for salvation, but want to leave out baptism. Others accept the truth when it comes to the need to worship, but want to leave out the Lord’s supper or congregational singing.

BUY THE TRUTH REGARDLESS OF THE PRICE

We need to be willing to “pay” whatever the price is (Luke 14:26-33). We must be willing to “pay” the price of self-denial (Luke 9:23). Whatever is necessary, we must be willing to “pay” the price, even to the very point of death (Rev. 2:10).

BUY THE TRUTH NOW

Scripture teaches the urgency of obeying NOW (2 Cor. 6:2; James 4:14). Look at all the “cases of conversion” in the book of Acts. Notice that in each case they obeyed when they heard, not putting it off, realizing the urgency of prompt acceptance of God’s Word. Too often we put it off until it is too late, and the “damage is done” (Acts 24:25; 26:28).

SELL IT NOT

When “purchasing” the truth, we need to do so as a permanent investment. It should be “purchased” as that which we intend not to part with. We do not “sell” it for livelihood, pleasure or anything else. We are cheated when we bargain it away, even if we do so for the whole world (Mark 8:36-37).

It is important to “buy the truth and sell it not” while we can. Tomorrow may be too late. For those of us who have already “bought” it, we must be careful to not bargain it away as we are drawn away after worldly desires (James 1:14).

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THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN BAKER

Cordially invites you to attend a

GOSPEL MEETING

October 13 - 17, 2019

5761 Highway 4



Garland M. Robinson

Sunday 10:00 AM - **Better Than the Angels**
11:00 AM - **If Christ Had Not Died**
2:00 PM - **Judas Went to his own Place**

Monday 7:00 PM - **If the Dead Could Talk Now**

Tuesday 7:00 PM - **Without Christ there is No Hope**

Wednesday 7:00 PM - **What the Church Is**

Thursday 7:00 PM - **What the Church Is Not**

Garland grew up in Baxter, Tennessee, and has been married 44 years to Angelita (Wright) of Cookeville, Tennessee. They have three grown children.

He has participated in more than a dozen campaigns in several states and overseas. He was a missionary in England in 1978-79 and has participated in mission trips to several states and overseas, including: Canada, England, Ireland, India, and Taiwan. He has been preaching for 45 years, working with local churches in Indiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. He presently works with the Leoni Church of Christ in Woodbury, Tennessee.

He is involved in preaching and teaching God’s Word through many different avenues: pulpit, classroom, printed materials, DVDs, internet and radio. He is the editor of a free monthly Gospel Journal called “Seek The Old Paths” that is in its 30th year of publication with a circulation of nearly 15,000. It is dedicated to the defense of the Gospel. He has printed close to a million Bible tracts, Correspondence Courses, song books and sermons books that are used around the world, especially in Africa. The church of Christ in Baker invites you to visit anytime, especially October 13-17.