

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek Rehabilitation Center
- ◆ Eloise Hoffman—lung cancer
- ◆ Florene Howze—health problems
- ◆ Finn Lawson—may arrive early
- ◆ Hannah Lawson—on bed rest
- ◆ Kynlie Lawson—surgery 1/6, tubes replaced, adenoids removed
- ◆ Donna Parish—injured ankle
- ◆ Brenda Ray—problems with eye

Others in Need

- ◆ Belinda Crawford—eye issues
- ◆ Bob Duke—health problems
- ◆ Freddie English—kidney issues
- ◆ Emory Harless—health issues
- ◆ Randall Joiner—neck surgery
- ◆ Joann Medford—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Thad McCall—health problems
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ◆ Merle Moss—heart bypass
- ◆ Donald Sampler—neck surgery
- ◆ Roy Wooten—skin cancer

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- ◆ Brenda Wooten—kidney stone
- ◆ Pray for those overseas the church has been helping
- ◆ Pray also for those who have lost loved ones, public servants, government leaders, military, those traveling, alien sinners, those fallen away, our enemies, the church here and worldwide.

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).

Events



December 8
Men's Meeting at 3:30

December 25
4th Wednesday Singing

Privileged to Serve



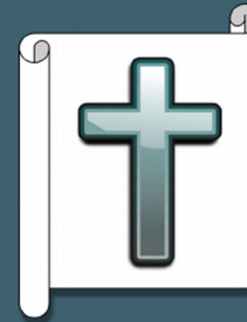
Announcements—Glenn Howze
Song Leading—David Howze (Sun.)
Caleb Howze (Wed.)

Serving the Lord's Supper
Head: Leo Derrick
Helpers: Justin Derrick, Ethan Howze, Josh Lawson

Lord's Supper PM
Head: Mark Howze
Helper: Caleb Howze

Scripture Reading—Braden Hilburn

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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Meeting Times

Sundays:

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

Wednesdays:

- 7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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A Few Words from Jason

I had a great trip overseas to Malaysia and Singapore, and I am very thankful to the congregation here in Baker for fully supporting my trip! I hope to present a detailed report soon, Lord willing. Christians were edified, including me, and non-Christians were repeatedly exposed to the Truth (Isaiah 55:11). I give thanks and glory to God for the opportunity.

Do Methodists Not Have a Bible?

Tommy J. Hicks

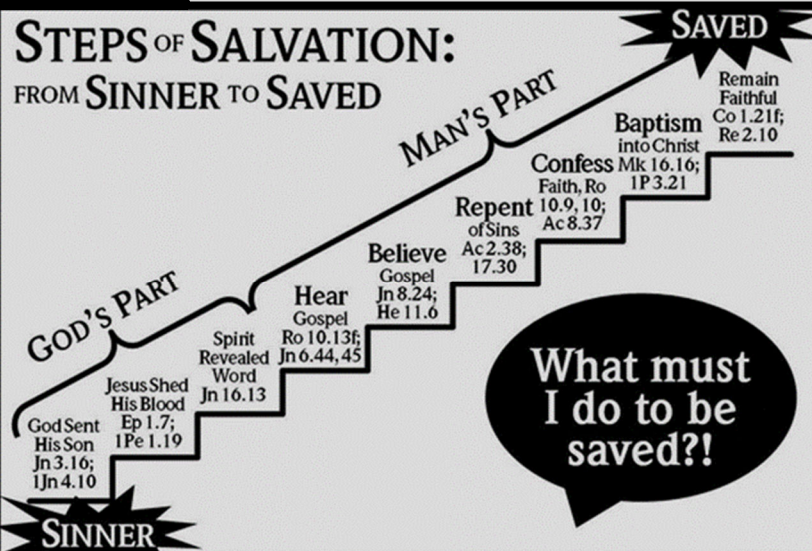
A "Special Session" of The General Conference of The United Methodist Church was held February 23-26, 2019, in St. Louis, Missouri. This "Special Session" met to decide if The United Methodist Church would strengthen or end its prohibitions regarding same-sex marriage and the ordaining of gays and lesbians into its "clergy." The "Special Session's" final vote was 53% to 47% in favor of strengthening the prohibitions "against" same-sex marriage and ordaining gays and lesbians into its "clergy." This may lead to a wide-open break in the United Methodist Church.

Matt Miofsky, a "Special Session" attendee, said about the Methodist Church where he preaches, "We fully embrace LGBTQ+ people into the whole life of the church." Further, Miofsky added, "Jesus loves queer people for who they are" and that the "scriptures welcome queer people into the Kingdom of God through faith in Christ (and not through a renunciation of their gender or sexual identity)."

Kevin Young, the "Senior Minister at St. John's United Methodist Church," in Lubbock, TX may or may not have attended the St. Louis

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).

meeting, but he, like many other Methodists did not like the “Special Session’s” outcome. Young made it known that as far as he is concerned, the general conference of the United Methodist Church has decided to stay on the side of discrimination. He said he thought that it is tragic, “to send a signal to our culture and our world that somehow that discriminatory posture against LGBTQ people is approved by God.”

God does love those involved in LGBTQ+ immorality (John 3:16). He wants them to be saved (2 Peter 3:9). Still, if the Bible is true, and it is, God cannot accept them as long as they engage in lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-sexual, and queer lifestyles. Perhaps, it should be asked, “Do Methodists (and others) who claim the ‘scriptures welcome queer people into the Kingdom of God through faith in Christ (and not through a renunciation of their gender or sexual identity)’ actually have a Bible?” If so, have they not read Paul saying: “*Know ye not that the **unrighteous** shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither **fornicators**, nor idolaters, nor **adulterers**, nor **effeminate**, nor **abusers of themselves with mankind**, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God*” (1 Cor. 6:9-11). Other translations use the words, “sexually immoral...men who practice homosexuality.”

In Galatians 5:19-21, Paul identifies such conduct as “works of the flesh” and sounds the warning, “that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.” God turned “*the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly*” (2 Peter 2:4-6).

The LGBTQ+ folks and their allies may try to deny it, but the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah we read about in Genesis 18:20, Isaiah 3:9, and Lamentations 4:6, is a reference to the sin of homosexuality (cf. Gen. 19:4-9; Jude 7). Condemning homosexuality in the Mosaic Dispensation, God said, “*Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination*” (Lev. 18:22). God, according to the Law of Moses, commanded, “*If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them*” (Lev. 20:13). The Law of Moses is no longer of force (i.e. men do not live under its laws today, Gal. 3:24-25).

Now, under the Law of Christ in the New Testament Dispensation, God still condemns homosexuality and lesbianism, but He does not have them harmed physically as a punishment. He will dispense to them their due on Judgment Day. However, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 warns that “*the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God.*” These include the sexually immoral... adulterers... and those who practice homosexuality (cf. 1 Tim. 1:10).

Supporters of the “LGBTQ+ Community” need to read Romans 1:26-29, 32. God has rendered His decision about all forms of sexual immorality (including homosexuality) and made it known in His Word. He has not changed that decision (Malachi 3:6). So, if the Methodists and others have a Bible and believe what God says in it, what is the point of having a “Special Session?” They cannot change what God says about the matter.

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AFTER-BIRTH ATROCITIES

There are certain things that you never expect to see during your own lifetime. These are things either so technologically advanced or maybe so insanely godless that you assume they will not be a reality while you still walk this earth. Well, one of those has happened. On February 23, 2012 the *Journal of Medical Ethics* published an article titled “After-Birth Abortion: Why Should the Baby Live?” In this article, the authors want to get rid of the term *infanticide* and begin using the term *afterbirth abortion*. In the introduction of this article, the authors state: “The authors argue that what we call after-birth abortion (killing a newborn) should be permissible in all cases abortion is, including cases where the newborn is not disabled” [parenthesis in orig.].

While the thought of killing newborns may be something you never thought would happen during your lifetime, consider how desensitized Americans have become to abortion. Will our children and grandchildren become desensitized to the killing of newborn babies? The authors state: “This means that many non-human animals and mentally retarded human individuals are persons, but that all the individuals who are not in the condition of attributing any value to their own existence are not persons. *Merely being a human is not in itself a reason for ascribing someone a right to life*” (emp. added). Being human is special! Man was created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26), and we possess souls that will go on into eternity.

Why would men suggest we kill innocent babies? The authors declare: “The alleged right of individuals (such as fetuses and newborns) to develop their potentiality, which someone defends, is over-ridden by the interests of actual people (parents, family, society) to pursue their own well-being because, as we have just argued, merely potential people cannot be harmed by not being brought into existence. *Actual people’s well-being could be threatened by the new (even if healthy) child requiring energy, money, and care which the family might be in short supply of*” [emp. added]. In other words, if the baby is an inconvenience in any way, you should be able to kill it. Consider the words found in Proverbs 6:16, “These six things the Lord hates. Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood.”

Currently our children are sitting at the feet of instructors who are teaching that man evolved from ape-like creatures. Textbooks have replaced God with naturalism and humanism. Our nation and courts have tried their best to outlaw and silence Jehovah God. Killing children is just the next logical step for a nation that has no absolute standard for right and wrong. While Christians must stand up and fight the atrocity of killing newborns, we must also rise up and address the root of the problem—the reality that God exists and our nation will not stand without Him. The inspired psalmist stated, “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God” (Psalm 9:17). We need to remind our communities, coworkers, friends and family, “Righteousness exalts a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:34). It is time we teach our children they were created by God, humble ourselves, and seek Him. “If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14).

—Brad Harrub