

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—health problems
- ◆ Eloise Hoffman—lung cancer
- ◆ Florene Howze—health problems
- ◆ Hannah Lawson—expecting
- ◆ Brenda Ray—tests on eye

Others in Need

- ◆ Al Aplin—stage 3 cancer
- ◆ Deb Aplin—surgery recovery
- ◆ Belinda Crawford and family
- ◆ Whitney Derrick—heart issues; expecting
- ◆ Bob Duke—health problems
- ◆ Austin Dunlap—surgery
- ◆ Monica Elam—rehabilitation
- ◆ Jessie Garnes' sister—critical
- ◆ Wanda Hunter—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Joann Medford—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Thad McCall—health problems
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ◆ Phillip Vanwinkle—stage 5 cancer; critical condition

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- ◆ Pray for those affected by the recent shootings, and those in the path of Hurricane Dorian.
- ◆ 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.

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



September 1
Fellowship Meal after AM Worship

October 13-17
Our Gospel Meeting with Garland Robinson preaching

Privileged to Serve



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

Serving the Lord's Supper
Head: Leo Derrick
Helpers: Wilfred Derrick, Josh Lawson, Johnny Moss

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

Scripture Reading—Ethan Howze

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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Is Evangelism Dying?

Lloyd Gale

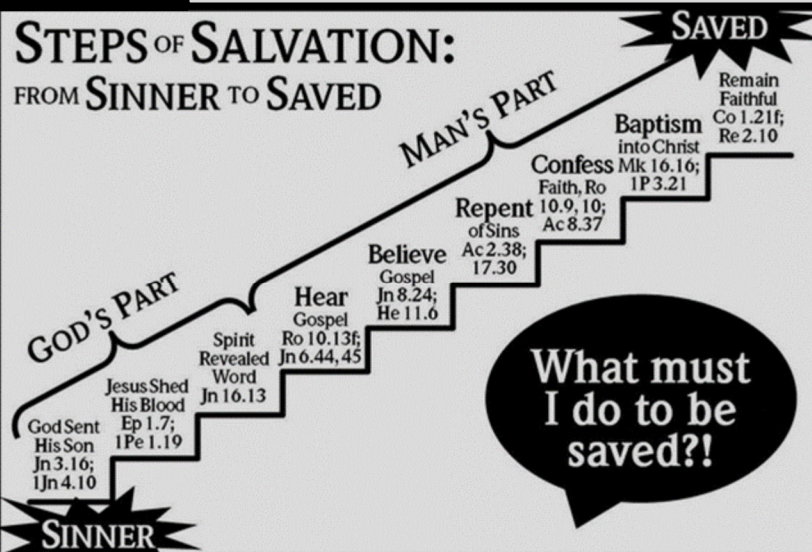
In a recent column of the Christian Science Monitor, Michael Spencer wrote; "We Evangelicals have failed to pass on to our young people an orthodox form of faith that can take root and survive the secular onslaught. Ironically, the billion dollars we have spent on our youth ministers, Christian music, publishing, and media has produced a culture of young Christians who know next to nothing about their own faith except how they feel about it."

SOME LESSONS TO BE LEARNED: It is evident that Michael Spencer is writing from a denominational viewpoint as he predicts a "major collapse of evangelical Christianity" to occur within ten years." Spencer predicts that "about half of evangelical churches will die off in the next 25 to 30 yrs, due to generational reasons or because their members become more attracted to a secular version of life."

MY OBSERVATIONS: For many years most denominations have been teaching that it does not matter which religion one follows—all may find acceptance with God. At the same time, they have changed their creeds to accommodate what has become socially acceptable. To attract and hold members they have sought to learn and provide what society desires from religion. They have abandoned scripture and their appeal has been to make people feel good about themselves. Their religion has increasingly consisted of more heat and less and less light. They have come to despise the Biblical teaching of absolute objective truth and have encouraged the concept of

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).

individual subjective belief.

They invented the concept of gymnasiums, ball teams, children's church, children ministers, youth directors, vacation craft schools, trips to six flags, entertainment and such like. Is it any mystery why those raised with such a concept of church and religion see the church as some sort of social agency or place of entertainment?

Now that many congregations of the church of Christ have stolen their methods, why be surprised at a generation of "change agents" among God's people? Why is there such a lack of understanding of what constitutes Biblical authority for what Christians are to believe, teach and practice? Why is there a trend toward acceptance of denominations and joining forces with them? "After all," someone may say, "We played basketball and softball with them and we find them to be likable folks." Where are the Shepherds of the sheep? Under the haystack fast asleep? Have many Christians and entire congregations gone too far now to turn back to the Lord? Have they passed the point of no return?

My prayer is that many will see the folly of the direction they have been traveling and will understand that the Lord's church is the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15). The church is designed to worship and serve the Master. It's work is to preach the Gospel, edify the church, and benevolence. We must not add to or subtract from its mission. *Slightly adapted*

Too Uptight and Narrow-Minded?

Tom Moore

How long would you continue to fly with an airline whose motto was "Safety Standards are Fine for Those Who Are Uptight About It, But Our Engineers Aren't So Narrow"? How excited would you be about going under the scalpel of a surgeon who told you: "You know, I never bothered much with anatomy in Medical school, since all medical truth is relative anyway"? How long would you leave your child in a school where the chemistry teacher said to her, "You're free to drink from either that container of H₂O [water] or that beaker of H₂SO₄ [sulfuric acid]. After all, they're both clear liquids and we're only talking about a couple of molecules here or there, so imbibe whatever you prefer."

Most in the religious world seem to have this faulty attitude—they really are not concerned with the straight and narrow path (Mat. 7:13-14). Friends, we need to be concerned with truth—realizing that God's truth is absolute. Thus, we must "Be diligent [study—KJV] to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). We must

also be as the Bereans, whereof them it was said, "These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11). My friends, "Buy the truth, and do not sell it, Also wisdom and instruction and understanding" (Pro. 23:23).

Is God a Spare Tire?

A spare tire is a handy thing to have when trouble arises. Few people would consider going anywhere without a spare-tire in the trunk of their car. But, days and days and miles and miles may be traveled without even thinking about the spare-tire in the trunk. We just know it will be there if we need it, so why spend time thinking about it?

Friends, this is precisely the way in which many treat God—like a spare-tire; while everything goes well, they hardly think about Him, but then something goes flat (maybe loss of health or loss of wealth or some other difficulty) and they cry out their need of God. While we need God in times of trouble, we are wise to seek Him at all times! *(By Bill Dillon)*

Evidence from Mathematics

The coded instructions contained in the DNA of a human cell would fill 4,000 encyclopedia-sized books with meaningful information. Even if we assume life and matter evolved, there is zero probability that mutations and natural selection produced this tremendous amount of information. Evolutionists assume that anything is possible with enough time. For instance, it has been stated that, given enough time, even a monkey could type out the entire Encyclopedia Britannica. However, it can be calculated that just getting the title "Encyclopedia Britannica" by random trials would only happen one time in 1039 attempts. **One in 1039 is approximately the same as one monkey sitting on every square foot of the earth's surface, stacked 10 miles deep**, and making one attempt every second for 10 billion years. Yet all these attempts would only result in a correct title one time!

The odds of natural processes producing the information on a single strand of DNA vastly exceeds the total number of subatomic particles within the entire known universe. This intelligent information content of our cells could only have been produced by an inconceivably brilliant designer. How could anyone deny the existence of God in face of this evidence? —***A Closer Look at the Evidence*** by Richard & Tina Kleiss