

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Florene Howze—health problems
- ◆ Hannah Lawson—undergoing tests
- ◆ Brenda Ray—eye problems
- ◆ Jim Ward—much better lately

Others in Need

- ◆ Janet Andrews—cancer
- ◆ Kallie Autmann—severe burns
- ◆ Belinda Crawford—eye issues
- ◆ Bob Duke—health problems
- ◆ Randy Emerson—broken leg
- ◆ Brenda Mateer—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Thad McCall—health problems
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ◆ Patty Ryan (Stanley Ryan's wife)—cancer surgery
- ◆ Bobby Williams—brain tumor surgery recovery
- ◆ Roy Wooten—skin cancer

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- ◆ Please pray for the world regarding the coronavirus, especially hoping that people will seek God.
- ◆ Those mourning, public servants, gov. leaders, military, those traveling, alien sinners, those fallen away, our enemies, and the church worldwide.

Events



Sunday morning and Wednesday night **Bible classes are temporarily cancelled**, but we should all be studying regularly.

Our Gospel Meeting in May has been postponed until October.

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—Mark Howze
Song Leading—David Howze
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Leo Derrick
 Helper: Josh Lawson
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Leo Derrick
 Helper: Josh Lawson
Scripture Reading—Ethan Howze

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Meeting Times

Sundays:

11AM Worship
 6PM Worship

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Other Information

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Our Choice of Associates Makes Us Who We Are

Victor M. Eskew

The Bible warns us about our choice of associates or friends. "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed" (Prov. 13:20).

"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners" (I Cor. 15:33).

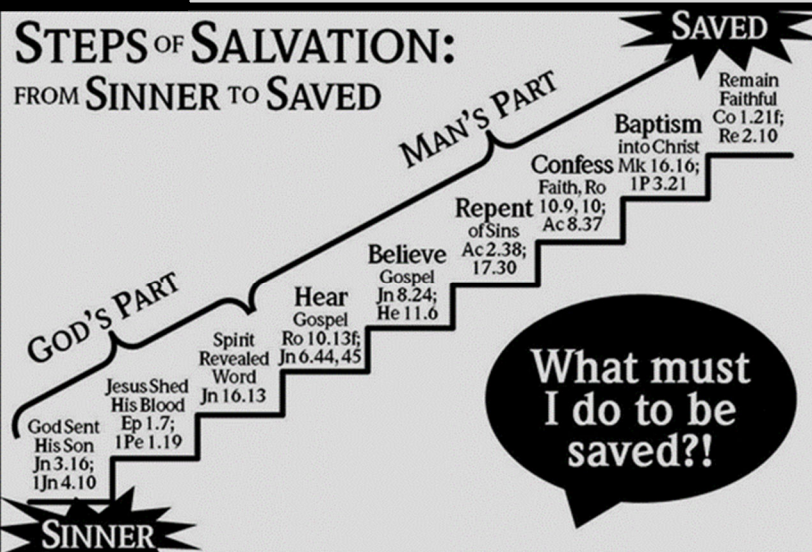
The reason for the warning is because we become like those with whom we choose to associate.

We walk like them.
 We talk like them.
 We dress like them.
 We behave like them.
 We like what they like.
 We dislike what they dislike.
 Their attitudes become our attitudes.
 Their views become our views.
 Their habits become our habits.
 Their friends become our friends.
 Their enemies become our enemies.

If our associates are spiritual, we become spiritual.

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

"...ye were the servants of sin..."
 (Romans 6:17).



"...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).

**Matthew 24 –
Jesus answered
two questions**

Main Teaching

Key Phrases

1st Question:

“Tell us, when shall these things be?” (24:3; cf. vv1-2)

Jesus Answered:

Matt. 24:4-34

**24:4-34 – Signs given for
destruction of Jerusalem**

(cf. 23:35-39; 24:1-2; Luke 21:20-21). Romans destroyed Jerusalem in A.D. 70. Reportedly, no Christians were killed (They heeded Jesus’ signs).

“Those days” (24:19, 22, 29);

“These things” (23:36; 24:2, 3, 6, 33, 34); “...let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains” (24:16);

“...This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled” (24:34).

2nd Question:

“...what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?” (24:3)

Jesus Answered:

Matt. 24:35-44

**24:35-44 – No signs given
for the end of the universe
at Christ’s literal return,
so be ready always**

(cf. Matt. 25:13; 1 Thess. 5:1-3; 2 Pet. 3:10-12)

“That day” (24:36);

“Heaven and earth shall pass away...but of that day...knoweth...my Father only”; (24:35-36; cf. Mk. 13:32); “in such an hour as ye think not” (24:44)

If our associates are worldly, we become worldly.

If our associates are negative, we become negative.

If our associates are positive, we become positive.

If our associates are liberal, we become liberal.

If our associates are conservative, we become conservative.

If our associates are honest, we become honest.

If our associates are dishonest, we become dishonest.

If our associates are kind, we become kind.

If our associates are evil, we become evil.

Have you ever seen someone change after getting a new friend?

Have you ever seen someone change when he starts dating?

Have you ever seen someone change he get into a clique?

Have you ever seen someone change after changing churches?

Have you ever seen someone change after getting a new job?

We have all seen it happen. We wonder: "What has happened to him/her?"

Our associates, our friends, are powerful forces in our lives. Thus, we need to carefully examine those with whom we associate. Our merely liking them is not the best reason to stay with them.

Do my friends make me a better person?

Do my friends cause me to treat others better?

Do my friends make me more Christ-like.?

Do my friends help me to refrain from sinful things?

Do my friends cause me to be positive?

Do my friends challenge me to grow in Christ?

Do my friends encourage me to put spiritual things first?

Do my friends let me be me?

The Bible does not discourage friendships and associations. It merely exhorts us to make good decisions about who these individuals are. "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise..."