

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Florene Howze—health problems
- ♦ Hanna Lawson—surgery went well
- ♦ Kynlie Lawson—surgery recovery
- ♦ Lisa Mashburn—tests
- ♦ Jim Ward—health problems

Others in Need

- ♦ Janet Andrews—treatments done; biopsy results soon
- ♦ Conner Booker—pneumonia
- ♦ Greg Bryant—evacuated from fires
- ♦ Elise Davis—hip replacement; in rehabilitation
- ♦ Jamison Harris—skin problems
- ♦ Josh Holloway family—Covid-19
- ♦ Wayne and Marie Johnson—improved, but Wayne back in ICU
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—improved to stage 2 kidney failure
- ♦ Taylor Mashburn—expecting
- ♦ Brenda Mateer—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems

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- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Patty Ryan—immunotherapy
- ♦ Judy Whitehead—heart issues
- ♦ Brenda Wooten—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Pray for our nation
- ♦ Pray for others who are sick, mourning, public servants, gov. leaders, military, those traveling, those lost in sin, our enemies, and the church 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



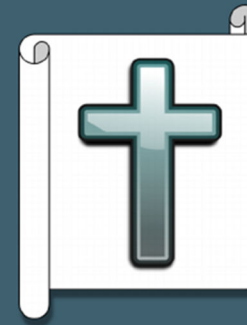
October 18-21
Our Gospel Meeting

Privileged to Serve



Announcements—Mark Howze
Song Leading—Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Caleb Howze
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Mark Howze; Helpers: Justin Derrick, Leo Derrick, Ethan Howze
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Glenn Howze
 Helper: Caleb Howze
Scripture Reading—Josh Lawson

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** weekly 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
- 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

- 7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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Lies Matter

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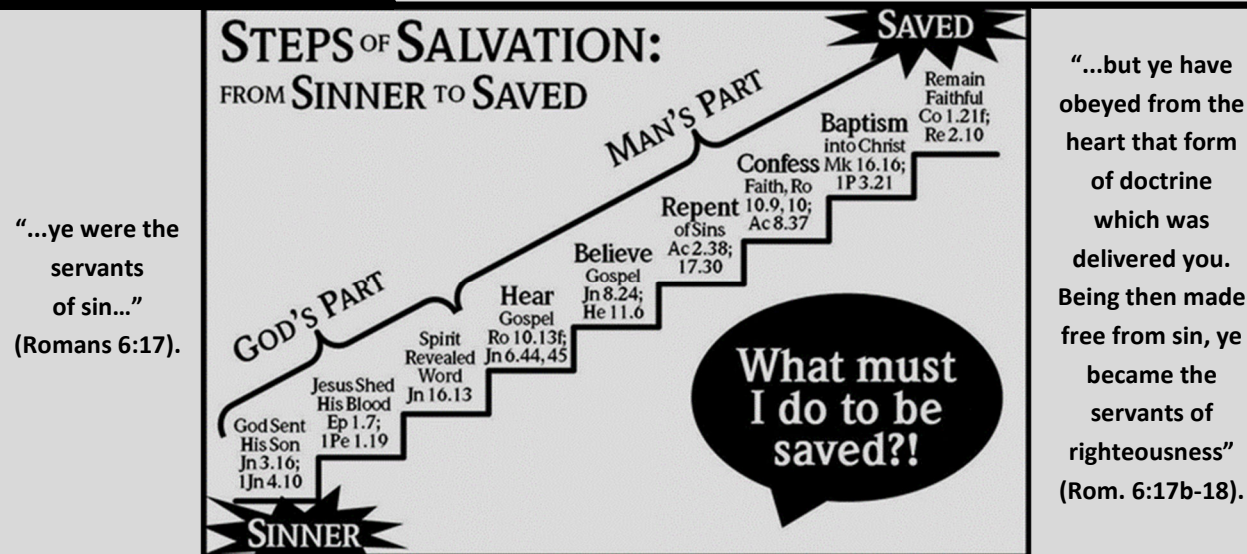
Lies matter. All lies matter. This somber truth has been demonstrated in human history since the Garden of Eden. On that fateful day when Eve believed and acted upon Satan's lie (Gen. 3:4-5), human history has been awash with sickness, suffering, sorrow, and death. Because Eve's actions were based upon the words of the devil, a liar and the father of lies (John 8:44), "the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now" (Rom. 8:22).

Lies matter because ideas have consequences. Righteous ideas, like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's plea for his four children to not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character, have produced a harvest of beneficial consequences. Evil ideas, like ignoring a person's evil character and sinful actions and demanding the same treatment for righteous and unrighteous behavior, produce a harvest of detrimental consequences.

In recent days and weeks, an organization called Black Lives Matter (begun in 2013) has thrust itself again into the national spotlight. Because all human lives matter to God, every human being is precious. In this light, the name states an undeniable truth: No human is insignificant in value or unworthy of humane and dignified treatment. However, as the Black Lives Matter organization explains itself and its objectives, it becomes readily apparent that there are several significant lies behind its rather innocent sounding name. These lies matter.

An apologist for the organization, CNN's Don Lemon, recently defended the organization by saying its sole focus is

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police brutality. It should be clear from the following information taken from BLM's own online resources that this is a lie. Its agenda goes far beyond the righteous outrage all should feel toward the criminal behavior committed by a small percentage of law enforcement officers.

Lie #1: *Marxism is a good thing.* In a 2015 interview with The Real News Network, BLM co-founder Patrisse Cullors made the following statements: **"...we actually do have an ideology frame. Myself and Alicia [Garza], in particular, are trained organizers. We are trained Marxists. We are super versed on ideological theories, and I think what we really try to do is build a movement that can be utilized by many, many black folk."** (Note: Alicia Garza is a co-founder of BLM; Opal Tometi is the third co-founder.)

Karl Marx is the father of communism. Almost sixty years ago, brother Leroy Brownlow wrote Bible vs. Communism. His chapter headings easily distinguish the monumental differences between the teaching of God's word and the dictates of Marxism. Consider these: "Faith in God vs. Atheism", "God-given Science vs. Science as God", "Bible Teaching of Spirit vs. Communist Teaching of Materialism", "Bible Morality vs. Communist Morality", "Bible Elevation vs. Communist Degradation", "Freedom of Religion vs. Persecution of Religion", "Bible Teaching of Private Ownership vs. Communist State Ownership", "Early Church Benevolence vs. Communist Socialism", "Bible Freedom vs. Communist Subjugation". This book is well-written and well worth obtaining a copy.

Lie #2: *There are more than two sexes.* According to <https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/>, **"We are self-reflexive and do the work required to dismantle cisgender privilege and uplift Black trans folk, especially Black trans women who continue to be disproportionately impacted by trans-antagonistic violence."**

Jesus said, "from the beginning of creation God made them male and female" (Mark 10:6).

Lie #3: *Sexual deviancy is normal and morally acceptable.* **"We foster a queer-affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking, or rather, the belief that all in the world are heterosexual (unless s/he or they disclose otherwise)"** (<https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/>).

In addition, it is noteworthy that both Cullors and Garza proclaim themselves to be "Queer" in their sexual orientation. According to Wikipedia, Cullors was "forced from her home at 16 when she revealed her queer identity to her parents". For Alicia Garza it was a little more complicated. "In 2003 she met Malachi Garza, 24, a transgender man and a community activist. In 2004, Alicia came out as queer to her family. In 2008, she married Malachi and took the name Garza."

According to the book of Jude, Sodom and Gomorrah "are set forth for an

example" of God's intense disapproval of such lasciviousness (Jude 4-7). The unrighteous — fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, effeminate, abusers of themselves with mankind, thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers, and extortioners — shall not inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:9-10).

Lie #4: *God's design for the home is unhealthy.* **"We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and "villages" that collectively care for one another, especially our children, to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable."** (<https://blacklivesmatter.com/what-we-believe/>)

A home with a married (biologically male) father, (biologically female) mother, and children is God's wonderful and irreplaceable pattern for the family. Sociologists confirm that children raised in a loving home which strives to follow the divine ideal are far more likely to be successful, well-adjusted adults than children raised in any other setting. In some circles, following the Biblical pattern for the home has been disparaged with the phrase "White privilege."

Lie #5: *The legalized murder of innocent children — i.e. abortion — is essential.* Though described as "reproductive justice" instead of being identified more plainly as abortion, here is what was stated on February 14, 2018: **"We deserve and thus we demand reproductive justice that gives us autonomy over our bodies and our identities while ensuring that our children and families are supported, safe, and able to thrive."** (<https://blacklivesmatter.com/responsestate-of-the-union/>)

God hates, yea He abominates, hands that shed innocent blood (Prov. 6:16-17).

Lie #6: *Abolishing law and order (by abolishing prisons and police forces) is necessary.* **"We believe that prisons, police and all other institutions that inflict violence on Black people must be abolished and replaced by institutions that value and affirm the flourishing of Black lives"** (<https://m4bl.org/about-us/>).

Police brutality is wrong, every where and every time. Criminal behavior is equally wrong. Civil government is ordained of God (Rom. 13:1). It is to be a terror to evil doers and a minister of God for good (Rom. 13:3-4). Anarchy is not the Bible's solution to injustice.

A house is no better than the foundation upon which it is built. Any organization built upon lies is not built upon a righteous foundation. How wonderful it is that all people within the human race can become a part of the church Jesus built. It is not founded upon lies. Its foundation is the impregnable bedrock truth that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God (Matt. 16:16-18). *seektheoldpaths.com*

Editor's Note: The last quote in the preceding article came from "Movement for Black Lives," and, according to Wikipedia, "BLM is a member organization of the Movement for Black Lives" (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Lives_Matter). Christians should be opposed to the mistreatment of people of any color, but Satan has often tried to disguise his evil agenda by making it look virtuous, and we must not be "ignorant of his devices" (2 Cor. 2:11; 11:13-15).