

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ◆ **Janice Carnley**—Shoal Creek
- ◆ **Wilfred Derrick**—specialist on March 5th
- ◆ **Florene Howze**—health problems
- ◆ **Jim Ward**—in nursing facility for rehabilitation; may go home soon

### Others in Need

- ◆ **Janet Andrews**—chemotherapy
- ◆ **Debra Aplin**—health problems
- ◆ **Laura James**—Covid-19 and pneumonia
- ◆ **Virginia Johnson**—Shoal Creek
- ◆ **Jeff Mashburn**—kidney issues
- ◆ **Brenda Mateer**—cancer
- ◆ **Thad McCall**—health problems
- ◆ **Mary Milsted**—lung cancer
- ◆ **Don Nagle**—stage 4, not well
- ◆ **Katy Watson**—pregnant, but has kidney stones
- ◆ **John Williams**—wife passed

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- ◆ **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



Lord willing...

**May 2-6**

*Our Gospel Meeting with Sidney White preaching*

**October 3rd-6th**

*Leonard St. Gospel Meeting*

## Privileged to Serve



**Announcements**—Glenn Howze  
**Song Leading**—Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Caleb Howze

**Serving the Lord's Supper**  
 Head: Mark Howze; Helpers: Wilfred Derrick, Josh Lawson, Johnny Moss

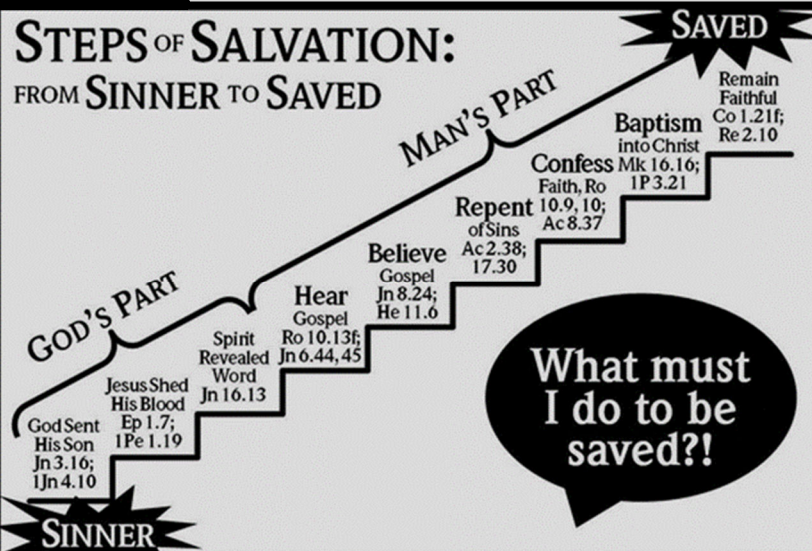
**Lord's Supper PM**  
 Head: Glenn Howze  
 Helper: Caleb Howze

**Scripture Reading**—Ethan Howze

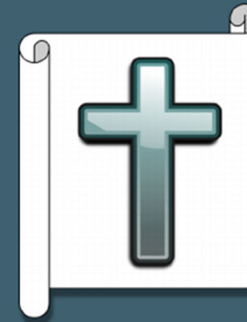
**Faithful Worship** — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** 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).

## 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).



# THE BAKER BULLETIN

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## Meeting Times

### Sundays:

- 10AM Bible Class
- 11AM Worship
- 6PM Worship

### Wednesdays:

- 7PM Bible Class

## Other Information

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## Why Doesn't the Church of Christ Baptize Babies?

By Roger Campbell

The New Testament often speaks about water baptism. John the Baptizer taught about it (Matt. 3:1-11), Jesus taught about it (Mark 16:16), the apostles taught about it (Acts 2:38), and first century evangelists like Philip taught about it (Acts 8:35-39). Baptism is, indeed, an important topic.

What about baptizing babies? Is it a scriptural practice? In order for it to be a scriptural practice, it must be authorized by the teaching of Jesus the Christ. He charges all men to observe the things that He commands (Matt. 28:20). As it is written in Colossians 3:17, all that we do is to be done in Christ's name, that is, by His authority. If one were to read the New Testament from beginning to end, from Matthew 1:1 to Revelation 22:21, he would find neither a Bible command to baptize babies nor a statement mentioning the baptizing of such little ones. He would never find in the New Testament an example of baby baptism, nor would he read anything that implies that such a practice is authorized. Thus, the practice of baptizing infants is unauthorized by the Lord. Such a practice owes its origin to men, not God (Matt. 21:25). Here is strike

number one against baby baptism: it is unauthorized by the New Testament.

Furthermore, babies are not proper candidates for water baptism. That is strike number two against the baptizing of infants. Biblically speaking, one that is a proper candidate for water baptism is one that believes in Jesus and the Gospel (Mark 16:16; Acts 8:37). Infants are unable to possess such faith, thus they cannot be baptized scripturally.

Biblically speaking, one that is a proper candidate for baptism is also one that is a sinner. Simon Peter, acting as Jesus' spokesman, told the Jews assembled on the Day of Pentecost to repent and be baptized (Acts 2:38). The message of Acts 2:38 shows that repentance must proceed baptism, and at the same time it also shows the purpose of baptism: "for the remission of sins."

In order for babies to be classified as "sinners," and thus in need of repentance and baptism to wash away sins (Acts 22:16), then it must be true that they have in some way violated God's law. This is so because the Bible defines sin as "lawlessness" or "transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). Only those that have broken God's law are "sinners." Pee-wee children may be "guilty" of a lot of things, but breaking or transgressing the law of God is not one of them! Therefore, babies are not sinners, and because they are not sinners, they are not proper candidates for baptism. "Why doesn't the church of Christ baptize babies?" That is a good and fair question. One thought that comes to mind is this: Why should it?

What scriptural reason is there that should cause the Lord's church to baptize infants? The answer is, "There is none!" Through the ages many religious people have practiced and attempted to justify baby baptism. Friends, baby baptism is unscriptural. Such a practice is unauthorized by the Bible, and infants themselves are not proper candidates to receive water baptism. That is just the way it is. If we are going to stick with what the Bible says and allow it to guide us, always speaking as the oracles of God (1 Peter 4:11), then we will leave off the practice of baptizing babies. Not only will we not practice it ourselves, we will also do our best to help others to see what baby baptism really is: an invention of men that is both unnecessary and unauthorized.

## THE POPE VS. GOD

Jason P. Hilburn

THE "POPE" SAYS:	GOD SAYS:
Call me Holy Father ("Pope" means Papa, Father)	<i>"But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ"</i> (Matt. 23:8-10; cf. Jn. 17:11; 1 Cor. 4:6; 1 Pet. 4:11)
Bow down and worship me	<i>"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve"</i> (Matt. 4:10); <i>"And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man"</i> (Acts 10:25-26; cf. 2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 19:10; 22:8-9)
I am the Head of the church	Christ's one true body only has one Head—Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:22-23; 5:23; Col. 1:18).
Peter was the first "Pope"	Peter was fallible (Lk. 22:61-62; Gal. 2:11-14); Peter was one elder among others (Acts 14:23; 1 Pet. 5:1); Peter was married with children (Matt. 8:14; 1 Cor. 9:5; Titus 1:5-6); Peter did not grant Simon forgiveness, but told Simon to pray to God (Acts 8:22-24); Peter refused worship (Acts 10:25-26); Peter was an apostle, an eyewitness of the resurrected Christ (Acts 1:22); no succession of apostolic eyewitnesses through the ages; no "Pope" at all in the Bible
The Catholic church was founded upon Peter	The name Peter (Petros) means a rock, or a piece of rock; but Jesus said that His one true church would be built upon the PETRA (large mass of rock) of the truth that He is the Son of God (Matt. 16:13-18)
The "Pope" says many other things that contradict God's Word	God says not to go beyond the Scriptures (Deut. 4:2; Jn. 16:13; 1 Cor. 4:6; Col. 3:17; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Pet. 4:11; 2 Jn. 9-11; Rev. 22:18-19). God warned people about Catholicism and the like (Col. 2:8,18-23; 1 Tim. 4:1-6; 2 Thess. 2:3-12)