

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—4.2cm aneurysm will be monitored
- ♦ Florene Howze—health problems
- ♦ Brenda Ray—health problems
- ♦ Jim Ward—at home, not feeling well lately

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
- ♦ Patty Ryan—starting radiation

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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.

Events



Lord willing...

May 2-6

Our Gospel Meeting with Sidney White preaching

October 3rd-6th

Leonard St. Gospel Meeting

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—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

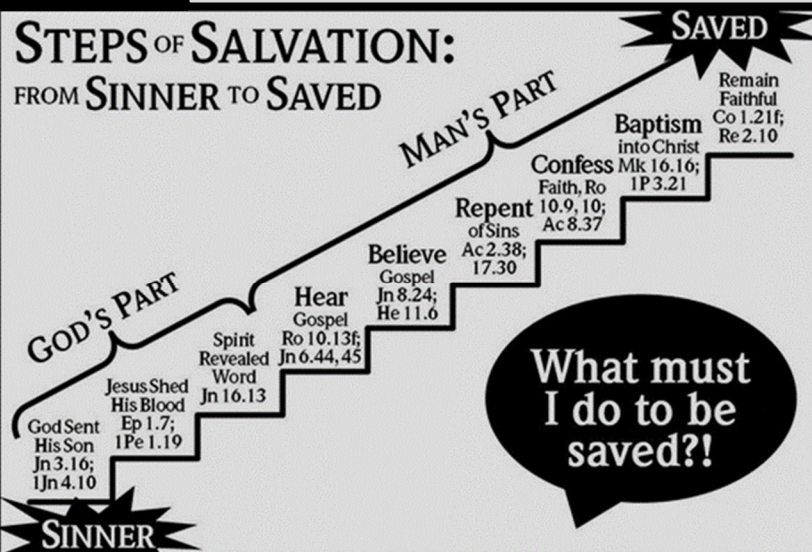
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Glenn Howze
 Helper: Caleb Howze

Scripture Reading—Ethan Howze

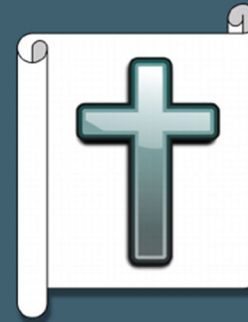
Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving**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



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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class
 11AM Worship
 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

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Apollos Watered

By Tom Wacaster

In years gone by, when the opportunity afforded itself, I would plant a garden in my back yard. Between the planting of the seed and the reaping of the crop, there are certain things that I had to do, like tilling the soil, keeping the weeds out along the way, and applying water in the absence of sufficient rain.

When Paul wrote to the Corinthians, he too made a distinction between the planting and the watering: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase" (1 Cor. 3:6). Think about what is involved in spiritual watering.

First, there is the sheer importance of watering. God, in His marvelous design, arranged the natural order of things so that a seed planted in the ground must receive water in order to sprout and grow. Deprive the seed or plant of water, and it will die. So it is with God's spiritual seed, the Word of God (Luke 8:11). The soil may determine the amount of care required to bring the seed to full fruition. But without water, there simply can be no growth.

Second, there are the specifics of watering. A good example is essential to nurturing the seed. A good example must be provided by the teacher, as well as those who claim any association to the message of that teacher. If brother Jones takes the time to teach some lost soul, it is imperative that he set a proper example. Teaching, coupled with action, is the golden key that unlocks the vault of influence. But it is also important that each member live a life that is exemplary to the message and hope to which they have been called. Hypocrites in a congregation most certainly render a negative influence upon those contemplating attendance or obedience. Yes, a good example is important.

Then, there is the need for additional teaching and instruction once the seed has been planted. Paul introduced the Corinthians to the Gospel. Apollos did the follow up work. Seldom does a soul obey the Gospel after just one lesson (though there are exceptions). Sometimes it takes weeks, months, or even years of encouragement and instruction. As long as a man is willing to learn, let us provide him with the "sincere milk of the word," and pray for his obedience.

Third, let us realize that 'planters' and 'waterers' share in responsibility and reward. The planting is of no greater or lesser importance than the watering. It takes both. The 'planter' may include those who visit and set up studies, conduct cottage classes, teach and preach the word publicly and/or privately. The 'waterer' may follow up with encouragement, a visit or call on the phone, or a prayer in behalf of those who have heard, yet not obeyed. The 'planters' do their job well, the 'waterers' contribute to the completion of the work, and both share in the reward. Let us not forget, "for as his share is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his share be that carrieth by the baggage: they shall share alike" (1 Sam. 30:24).

Fourth, it is important that both the 'planter' and the 'waterer' be

versed in the scripture. A successful gardener must have a knowledge of gardening. On occasions, I have actually pulled out precious flower plants because I thought they were weeds. Someone might accidentally poison a plant if he is ignorant of what chemicals are good and/or bad for the care of his garden. And so it is with planting and watering.

In Matthew 5:16, Jesus commanded us, "Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." What constitutes a "shining light?" Is my example beneficial or detrimental to the well being of those who are watching me? Am I using scripture properly in the exhortation and encouragement that I lend to others? How can you be certain, if you don't know God's word?

Finally, we must share the bounty with others. My first local work was in a farming community. Summer's harvest, though planted by others, was shared by many. It was not uncommon for us to receive so many potatoes, tomatoes, and onions that we simply could not eat it all. Waste is wrong and one's bounty was passed along to others.

God's bountiful harvest is to be shared with others. The Gospel is for all. The Great Commission is not the Great Permission. Those who refuse to share what they enjoy with others are guilty of selfishness. Like the lepers who discovered the goods in the abandoned camp of the Syrians: "Then they said one to another, We do not well; this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, punishment will overtake us; now therefore come, let us go and tell the king's household" (2 Kings 7:9). Brother, do not horde your blessings. Give to others that they too might live.

As we labor together, may we recognize the fact that although some are "planters," and others are "waterers," our goal is the salvation of the souls of men to the glory of God the Father, through Jesus Christ His Son.