

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

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

### Others in Need

- ♦ **Janet Andrews**—chemotherapy
- ♦ **Laura James**—Covid-19 and pneumonia
- ♦ **Virginia Johnson**—Shoal Creek
- ♦ **Rick Laux**—surgery recovery
- ♦ **Jeff Mashburn**—kidney issues
- ♦ **Brenda Mateer**—cancer
- ♦ **Thad McCall**—health problems
- ♦ **Mary Milsted**—lung cancer
- ♦ **Don Nagle**—stage 4, not well
- ♦ **Patty Ryan**—radiation

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- ♦ **Donald Simon's sister, Lula Mae Patrick** passed away
- ♦ **Brenda Wooten**—stg. 4 cancer
- ♦ 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).

# 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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## God is the Source of Morality

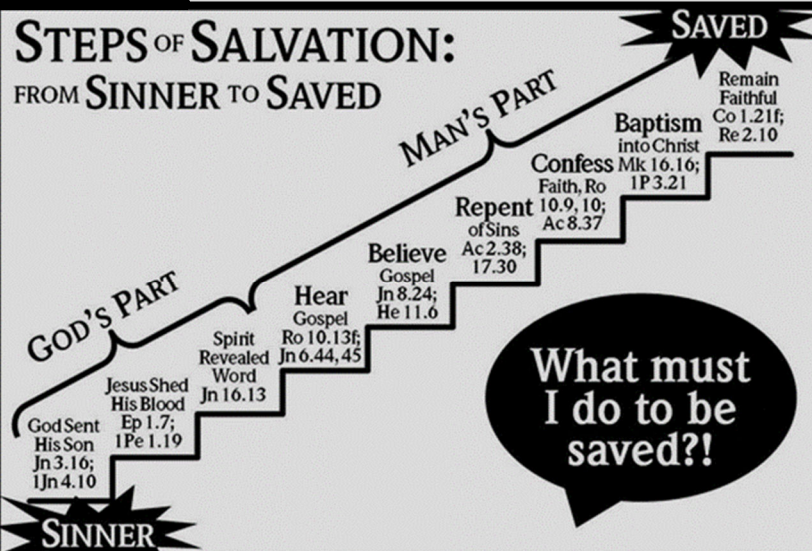
By Douglas Hoff

Parents have the God given responsibility to instill morals in their children (Eph. 6:4). Therefore, they must know what is right and wrong. Many will teach what their parents taught them. This is fine as long as each generation faithfully transmits the Scriptures to the succeeding generation (Deut. 4:9). But, how often does this occur? Most of us have probably played the game "telephone line" where the first player whispers something to another person and the message is then repeated until it reaches the last player. Rarely, if ever, does the message reach the end without corruption. Parents must teach their children from the Bible.

Strictly speaking, there is only one source of morality and that is God. Going to any other source means one cannot be guaranteed of getting the whole truth and nothing but the truth. The purest water is found at its source. The farther one is removed from the source, the greater the possibility of contamination. Water can pick up impurities like lead from

## 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 pipes that carry it. So it is with morality. Just as lead poisons the body, impurities in morals will corrupt the soul. The Lord has warned man not to add to or take away from His word (Deut. 12:32). Nevertheless, man often fails to teach the whole counsel of God.

Many do not make a diligent study of God's word regarding all aspects of human conduct. They may teach some principles from the Ten Commandments but little else. Also, too many parents rely on what they have decided is right. Long ago God's spokesman declared, "O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23). We must seek God's direction from His word. Failing to study and live by the Scriptures means one is relying on his own wisdom to decide moral issues. The Bible declares this to be foolish (Prov. 16:25). Such a person is far removed from the source of morality and has become spiritually contaminated.

Some may argue that man has the right to decide moral issues. If this is so, who decides whom the final judge will be? Allowing man to be the judge reduces society to depending upon a system of varying and conflicting moral standards. No sane person would argue that everyone should be allowed to do whatever he wants. If one was foolish enough to do so, he would soon change his mind! Such thinking would mean it would be perfectly acceptable for another to mistreat you. At the first instance of this behavior, there would be an outcry to change the rules.

When man lives by a moral code of his own making, society suffers. A few years ago HBO aired the movie "Cheaters." It was based on what happened years ago in the Chicago area. An English teacher at Steinmetz High School helped his students cheat on a regional academic competition between schools

in the area. Eventually, the cheating was discovered and the man lost his job. For years he denied any wrongdoing. Even the students felt justified in their actions. The only thing they regretted was getting caught! The ex-teacher is now a businessman in the Chicago area. Would you want to do business with a man who feels cheating is OK? Most of us would rather deal with someone who follows the "Golden Rule" (Matt. 7:12).

God is the source of man's morality because He created us (Psalm 100:3). He sets the rules and we must abide by them or suffer the consequences (2 Thess. 1:7-9). Are you seeking to know and obey God's laws? His commandments are for our good always (Deut. 6:24). *– Slightly adapted*

*Editor's Note: Most of our readers understand that the Law of Moses, which including the Ten Commandments, was nailed to Christ's cross. Although we should still study the Old Testament, nobody is amenable to the Law of Moses today, but the Law of Christ (Col. 2:14-17; Rom. 7:1-4, 7, etc.).*

## What God Does Not Do

1. God does not act contrary to what He has revealed in the Bible.
2. God does not (and cannot) lie.
3. God does not stop caring about people, regardless of their sins.
4. God does not get fooled.
5. God does not reject anyone who comes to Him on His terms.