

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—aneurysm
- ♦ Florene Howze—health problems
- ♦ Kynlie Lawson—good dr. visit
- ♦ Donna Parish—vertigo
- ♦ Jim Ward—health problems

Others in Need

- ♦ Janet Andrews—chemotherapy
- ♦ Deb Aplin—health problems
- ♦ Denise Bean's husband passed
- ♦ Sandra Cook—chemotherapy
- ♦ Elise Davis—shoulder surgery
- ♦ Ray Godwin—home now
- ♦ Gunner Griffin—hearing loss
- ♦ Jason Holladay's father passed
- ♦ Brenda Mateer—cancer
- ♦ Paul Mayo—chemotherapy
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Jimmy Parish and wife—Covid
- ♦ Wayne Richardson—Covid-19

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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...

August 8

Men's Meeting

August 27

Faith and Fellowship

October 3rd-6th

Leonard St. Gospel Meeting

Privileged to Serve

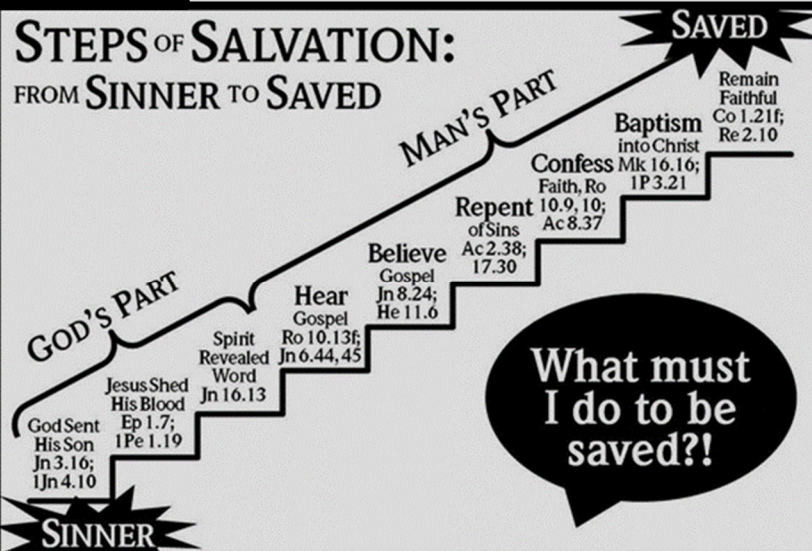


Announcements—Mark Howze
Song Leading—Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Caleb Howze
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Leo Derrick; Helpers: Justin Derrick, Caleb Howze, Johnny Moss
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Mark Howze
 Helper: Caleb Howze
Scripture Reading—Logan Holt

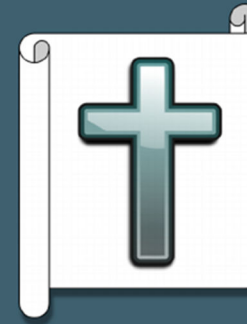
Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving**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

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The Christian Scholars Conference (CSC) was founded by Pepperdine professor Thomas Olbricht in 1981. On June 9-11 of this year, its annual conference was held at Lipscomb University in Nashville, and the Christian Scholars Conference web page, "some of the nation's top thought-leaders focusing on the theme of 'Recovery of Hope' were among the more than 400 scholars and faith leaders representing nearly 100 universities from around the country" (<https://christianscholarsconference.org/2021-in-review>).

On Friday morning, June 11th at 10:45 a.m., in the final session of the Fred D. Gray Plenary in Human and Civil Rights, Ibram X. Kendi, a lecturer at Boston University, was the keynote speaker. According to the CSC website (<https://christianscholarsconference.org/panel/fred-d-gray-plenary-in-human-and-civil-rights>), Mr. Kendi is the author of seven books and "one of America's foremost historians and leading antiracist scholars." Mr. Kendi describes himself as a "preacher's kid" who was raised by parents who were fully immersed in the Black Theology Movement (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azJh4N69Q5k>). To this upbringing, Mr. Kendi has added the fundamental tents of Liberation Theology, Postmodernism, and Critical Race Theory (CRT). His 2019 international bestseller, How to Be an Antiracist (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azJh4N69Q5k>), helped land him on Time magazine's 2020 list of the 100 most influential people in the world.

In his 2019 bestseller, Mr. Kendi declares "there is no neutrality in the racism struggle. The opposite of 'racist' isn't 'not racist'. It is antiracist" (p.9). To become an antiracist, you must undergo a conversion experience (i.e., become "Woke"), categorically condemn anyone who disagrees with you, and embrace the fundamental goal of cultural Marxism/Critical Race Theory—the dismantling of the "oppressive" and "systemically racist" American culture which was founded upon the Biblical principles of personal freedom, individual responsibility, rule of law, democracy, and the free enterprise economic system.

According to Mr. Kendi (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azJh4N69Q5k>), the church ought to be the engine of liberation from any government deemed “oppressive.” Because Jesus was a “revolutionary”, Christians are obligated to liberate society “from the powers on earth that oppress humanity.” “Savior theology” in which a Christian seeks to save individuals who are behaviorally deficient (i.e., in sin) is wrong because it aids and abets racism. An antiracist must reject this worldview for “liberation theology”—the overthrow of all structures of power (in the home, church, and government) to free the oppressed from their oppressors. This is the only acceptable worldview.

When pondering Mr. Kendi’s work, one is hard pressed to decide whether his ignorance of first century history or of the New Testament is greater. Rome ruled its empire with an iron fist, and its subjects chafed under its severe oppression. Because of this, the Zealots of Jesus’ day sought opportunities to march against Rome to overthrow their oppressors. When they attempted to organize such an attempt with our Lord being the tip of the spear, Jesus refused (John 6:15).

About a year later when Jesus was in a face-to-face conversation with the most powerful Roman official in Palestine, Jesus said to Pilate, *“My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence”* (John 18:36). Both the apostle Peter and the apostle Paul instructed Christians in the Roman Empire under the heinous and oppressive rule of Caesar Nero to submit to the governing authorities, not revolt against them (1 Peter 2:13-14; Rom. 13:1-6). Such blatant ignorance at a “Christian” “Scholars” Conference belies its name.

Since its inception, the Christian Scholars Conference has been a mouthpiece of Satan. From its early days of promoting the gobbledygook of a “new hermeneutic” to this year’s invitation and celebration of Critical Race Theorist/antiracist Ibram X. Kendi, Thomas Olbricht’s creation has repeatedly failed to heed Isaiah’s warning: *“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!”* (Isaiah 5:20-21).

Critical Race Theory (CRT) was developed in the academic world by Derrick Bell, Kimberle’ Crenshaw, Richard Delgado, and others. In the 1970s it was introduced into American law schools and has been influencing the American government’s judicial branch ever since. Public school curriculum and even the U.S. military have been targeted by Critical Race Theorists for its indoctrination and implementation. If the proponents of CRT are ever as successful as they desire to be, America will experience its own Bolshevik Revolution. This is because of the following characteristics of Critical Race Theory:

CRT’s foundational worldview is false. The fundamental premise of CRT is its dogmatic belief that all people — especially white, heterosexual males (like America’s “Founding Fathers”) —are inherently racist. The worldview of CRT is that racism is “institutional, structural, and systemic” in America (Ibram Kendi, *How to Be an Antiracist*, p.18).

A Critical Race Theorist uses the lens of race to view the past, the present, and the future. Any person or portion of society which disagrees with their chosen point of view does so because of inherent racism (a.k.a. “white privilege”). At the heart of CRT is a fundamental redefinition of “racism” from “a sinful, personal choice to prejudge another based upon the pigmentation of one’s skin” to “an inherently biased society determined solely by the history of the country you live in and the amount of melanin in your body.”

THE PHILOSOPHICAL TREE, FROM WHICH CRT IS A FRUIT, IS EVIL

According to Jesus Himself, a tree is known by its fruit (Matt. 7:16,20). An evil philosophy produces false doctrines as its fruit. The philosophical root of CRT is atheistic Marxism. As a

matter of fact, one synonym for CRT is “Cultural Marxism.”

Like Marxism, CRT divides the world into two classes of people —the “haves” and the “have nots” (or, to use “Liberation Theology” and Marxist terms: “the oppressors” and “the oppressed”). Unlike classical Marxism which divided these two groups according to social status, CRT identifies them according to race. The goal for either form of Marxism is “social justice” —the righting of all wrongs committed in previous generations by redistributing power (i.e., an overthrow of the government) and redistributing wealth (i.e., reparations).

Marxism categorically rejects every fundamental truth taught in Scripture. When cross-pollinated with postmodernism, it has created such radical and militant fruits as the Social Justice movement and Black Lives Matter, as well as Critical Race Theory.

CRT’s obsession with race and overt promotion of prejudice are sinful. Like the white supremacists of the Ku Klux Klan and the Aryans within Germany’s Nazi Party in the 1930s and 40s, Critical Race Theorists are obsessed with race. Such obsession is sinful. God is no respecter of persons (Rom. 2:11). Biblically speaking, there is only one “race” —the human race. Jehovah made all humanity from one blood (Acts 17:26) with one set of common ancestors —Adam and Eve.

Overtly promoting prejudice is sinful too. Prejudging another person on any basis —wealth, appearance, gender, ethnicity —is always condemned in Scripture (James 2:1-4). The righteous God judges everyone as a unique entity with free will, and *“in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him”* (Acts 10:35). Righteous people, who are expected to follow/mimic God (Eph. 5:1), will rid prejudice and its unfruitful works of darkness from their lives (Eph. 5:11). To contend that such is impossible for a human to do makes God a liar. To contend that such requires you to become “Woke” and be an “antiracist” is to embrace another gospel —a perverted one (Gal. 1:6-7).

CRT’s identification of humanity’s fundamental dysfunction is inaccurate. Because the taproot of CRT is wrong, the theory incorrectly decrees humanity’s fundamental issue to be a skin problem, not a sin problem. Prejudging a person based on the pigmentation of their skin is wrong regardless of whether it is an Aryan like Adolf Hitler or a Critical Race Theorist who advocates the defunding of the police. God’s remedy for humanity’s fundamental issue is not a political revolution (John 18:36) with financial reparations; it is a Redeemer (Matt. 1:21) who demands repentance (Mark 1:15) and graciously offers every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3) to members of all nations, kindreds, people, and tongues (Rev. 7:9).

CRT’s definition of success is the furtherance of evil. CRT espouses and spawns such works of the flesh as hatred, wrath, strife, seditions, and envy (Gal. 5:19-21). Mr. Kendi writes in *How to Be an Antiracist*: “The only remedy to racist discrimination is anti-racist discrimination. The only remedy to past discrimination is present discrimination. The only remedy to present discrimination is future discrimination.” Chanequa Walker-Barnes, a self-proclaimed “public theologian and ecumenical minister” wrote in her book, *A Rhythm of Prayer: A Collection of Meditations for Renewal*, **“Dear God, Please help me to hate White people. Or at least want to hate them. At least, I want to stop caring about them, individually and collectively. I want to stop caring about their misguided, racist souls, to stop believing that they can be better, that they can stop being racist.”**

These sentiments are not for godly virtues which promote a society’s peace and the loving of your neighbor as yourself like Jesus commanded (Matt. 7:12; Mark 12:31; Luke 6:31). Because of its Marxist philosophical heritage, Critical Race Theory’s highest level of success is achieved when evil is called good and good is called evil. Seizing political power and enslaving a nation’s citizens remains the long-term goal of every ravaging Marxist, even the ones wearing the sheepskin of Critical Race Theory.

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