

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—eye problem
- ♦ Florene Howze—fell, injured arm
- ♦ Ann Moss—sore after wreck
- ♦ Brenda Ray—infected cat bite
- ♦ Jim Ward—hip surgery needed

Others in Need

- ♦ Janet Andrews—chemotherapy
- ♦ Sandra Cook—chemotherapy
- ♦ Elise Davis—shoulder surgery
- ♦ Gunner Griffith—therapy
- ♦ Tony Jones—back injury
- ♦ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ♦ Alisha Mashburn—skin cancer
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—rehabilitation
- ♦ Paul Mayo—chemotherapy
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Ashley Ray—Covid-19
- ♦ Patty Ryan—cancer treatments
- ♦ Theresa Turner—Covid, rehab

Continued in next column...

- ♦ Randall Ward—tests
- ♦ Ronnie Wells—health problems
- ♦ Hugh & Lewitt Wheelock—C19
- ♦ Storm victims, Christians overseas struggling
- ♦ Pray for government leaders, military, those traveling, those lost in sin, and our enemies.

Events



Lord willing...

October 17

Men's Meeting

October 27

4th Wednesday Singing

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).

To Our Visitors

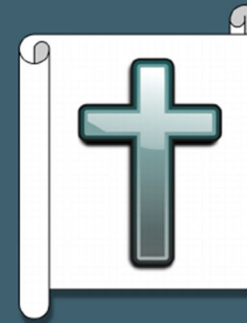


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



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



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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class
 11AM Worship
 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

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Same Sex Marriage?

By Jerry Joseph

In today's news, you hear much about what is called "same-sex" marriages. What is promoted by such is a man married to a man or a woman being married to a woman. What about such marriages? Are they approved of God? In discussing such issues, many want to leave God out of the picture. Some are more concerned about the feelings and the thinking of man than the will of God. As we turn to the Bible, we can see, understand and know how God feels about "same-sex" marriages.

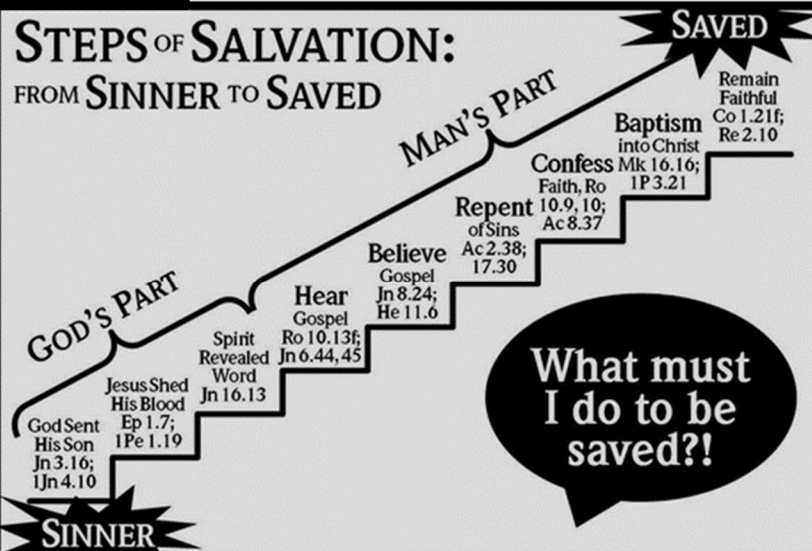
"The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matthew 19:3-6).

Concerning marriage, God from the beginning ordained

STEPS OF SALVATION:

FROM SINNER TO SAVED

"...ye were the servants of sin..."
 (Romans 6:17).



What must I do to be saved?!

"...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).

that it was to be male and female to be joined together. In Genesis 2:18, we read that God said,

"And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man" (Genesis 2:21-23).

God made "woman" not another "man" for man. As one has said, God gave Eve, not Steve, for Adam!

Notice the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 7:1-3,

"Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband."

Paul said that a "man" is to have his own "wife" and a "woman" is to have her own "husband." It is not "man" with "man" or "woman" with "woman."

"Same-sex" marriages are contrary to God's plan. Marriage is to be between "man" and "woman." This has been true from the beginning.

"Same-sex" marriages are not pleasing to God, for they constitute a homosexual relationship. Homosexuality is condemned by the Scriptures (Genesis 19:1-14; Leviticus 18:22-23; 20:13; Romans 1:26-32; 1 Timothy 1:8-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11). Since homosexuality is condemned by God and "same-sex" marriages are homosexual, we must therefore conclude that such marriages are not approved by God.

Since God is the originator of marriage, he knows what is best. We had better listen to God and make our marriages according to his will. Let us build our marriages upon his Word and they will be pleasing to God.

A Mansion Just Over the Hilltop?

By Jason Patrick Hilburn

Does John 14:2 teach that every individual child of God will have his own mansion in Heaven? Could it be that Jesus was referring to something even better than that?

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also (John 14:1-3).

The word translated as "mansions" simply means dwelling places, places to live (Thayer's Greek Lexicon). This Greek word is only found one other time in the New Testament, and it is in the same chapter, translated as "abode:" "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him" (John 14:23). Obviously, in John 14:23 Jesus was not saying, "My Father and I will make our mansion with him." The word "abode" simply means a place to dwell, and Christ dwells "in our hearts by faith," which comes from the Word of God (Ephesians 3:17; Romans 10:17; cf. 1 John 4:15, 16).

There is only one house under consideration in John 14:2: "my Father's house." In our Father's house are many places to live (like rooms in a house), and Jesus is preparing places for the faithful where the Father is now. "The image is derived from those vast oriental palaces, in which there is an abode not only for the sovereign and the heir to the throne, but also for all the sons of the king, however numerous they may be" (Godet, Vincent's Word Studies).

Dear brother or sister in Christ, if you had a choice, would you choose to live by yourself in Heaven with your own mansion, or would you choose to live in your Father's glorious Heavenly Palace with the rest of your spiritual family? To those motivated by love rather than materialism, Heaven will surely be more wonderful having our own places to live in the Father's house as a family, rather than being separated from others in separate mansions..