

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Wilfred Derrick—aneurysm
- ◆ Florene Howze—test results 1/24
- ◆ Donna Parrish—health problems
- ◆ Brenda Ray—ICU, improving
- ◆ Jim Ward—Surgery April 8

Others in Need

- ◆ Janet Andrews—chemotherapy
- ◆ Sandra Cook—chemotherapy
- ◆ Rhonda Compton—back pain
- ◆ Elise Davis—shoulder surgery
- ◆ Tony Jones—back injury, better
- ◆ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ◆ Carol Kitzan—health problems
- ◆ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ◆ Paul Mayo—chemotherapy
- ◆ Thad McCall—health problems
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ◆ Patty Ryan—cancer spread to liver, pancreas, and bones
- ◆ Donato Velasquez—health issues

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- ◆ Randall Ward—tests
- ◆ Ronnie Wells—health problems
- ◆ Christians overseas
- ◆ Pray also for government leaders, military, those traveling, those lost in sin, and our enemies.

Events

January 26

4th Wednesday Singing

March

Faith and Fellowship

May 1-5

Gospel Meeting preached by men of this congregation

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—Leo Derrick
Song Leading—Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Caleb Howze
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Leo Derrick; Helpers: Wilfred Derrick, Ethan Howze, Johnny Moss
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Mark Howze
 Helper: Justin Derrick
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).

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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class
 11AM Worship
 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

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A Few Words from Jason

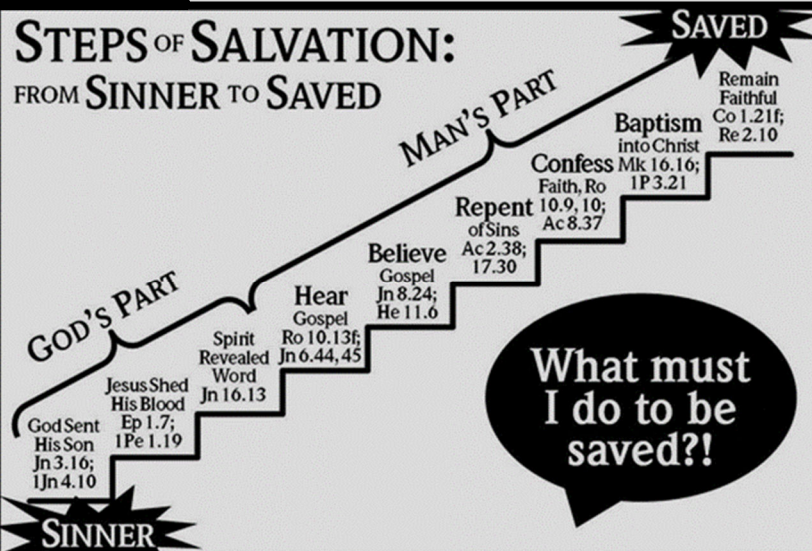
It's been a while since we've had a bulletin. I was on vacation the last two Sundays in 2021, and then I got what I'm sure was Covid-19 and was sick for weeks. So now I'm thankful to God to be feeling better and to be able to continue doing various works to His glory, such as this bulletin.

I am also now thankful to be teaching students at a Bible school in Laos (just west of Vietnam) every week, and that has been going well. The director of the school had correctly filled out our doctrinal questionnaire a while back, and his daughter was one of my students at Four Seas College of the Bible and Missions in Singapore a few years ago. My teaching is being translated by another of my former students from Four Seas who is originally from Laos. There are currently 11 students who live at the school, with ages ranging from teens to 27 years old. The director told me I could teach anything I wanted, so I chose to teach a class on the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There is a lot of confusion in the brotherhood all over the world regarding the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many do not understand the distinctions between them or how acts of worship such as prayer are to be conducted properly. There is a lot of misunderstanding about the Holy Spirit, such as Christians misapplying miraculous texts to Christians today in non-miraculous ways, if that makes sense. Many do not understand the simple concept that "the head of Christ is God" (1 Corinthians 11:3). I am hoping that at the end of the entire class the students will have a sharper understanding of the "Godhead Members" that should also improve their overall understanding of the Bible.

I have also recently continued teaching the students in India. In that class we also have some who live in other countries who speak the Telugu language of certain parts of India. We have been studying Revelation, but some questions arose about the Holy Spirit, and we have been answering those lately.

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).

10 Thoughts About God's Providence

By Jason Patrick Hilburn

1. Make sure you are faithful to God if you want His favor and greatest blessings. This involves repenting of all sins, doing what He commanded for forgiveness, living a life of obedience, and prioritizing spiritual things over material things every day (Prov. 28:9; Isa. 59:1, 2; Mt. 6:19-21; 33; 6:25-34; 7:21-27; 10:32-39; Lk. 9:23; Jn. 4:24; 9:31; Acts 2:36-42; 20:7; 22:16; Rom. 3:23; 6:3-6; 12:1, 2, 9-21; 2 Cor. 4:16-18; Eph. 1:3; Php. 2:12; Col. 3:1-4; Heb. 5:9; 10:23-31; 1 Pet. 1:15, 16; 3:12, 20, 21; 1 Jn. 1:6-2:6, 15-17).
2. Don't stop trusting God in the middle of one of life's storms! Patiently trust Him until the end, even if it takes years, or even to the point of death. He will bless you in the way He chooses when He chooses (Psa. 27:10-14; Job 13:15; Lk. 18:26-30; Rev. 2:10).
3. What you THINK should have happened may not actually be what was best. Father knows best. Trust Him with all your heart instead of assuming you always know what is best. He knows the potential outcome of every possible scenario. Let Him direct your paths via His Word as you trust in His providential care (Prov. 3:5, 6; Psa. 119:105; 147:5; Isaiah 55:8, 9).
4. Just when everything looks bad, God may surprise you with something even better than what you wanted or expected! Our Heavenly Father is *"able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think"* (Eph. 3:20).
5. If we are faithful Christians, remember that God is on our side and has a great desire to bless us, just as an earthly father wants his children to be blessed, but our Heavenly Father can give far greater gifts than any earthly father! (Psa. 46:1; Mt. 7:7-11; 1 Cor. 15:55-57; 2 Cor. 9:15; 1 Pet. 3:12). Jesus taught that if God takes care of the birds and flowers, how much more will He take care of His children? (Mt. 6:25-34). If God can create and uphold the universe, can He not take care of us? (Neh. 9:6; Heb. 1:3; Acts 17:28). If God did not spare His only Son because of His love for us, will He not take care of us? (Rom. 8:32).
6. It seems many Christians do not believe God is answering prayers today, however, people of faith believe everything God said, including what He said about answering prayers (Rom. 10:17). *"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him"* (1 Jn. 5:14, 15). We must ask according to God's will, but we do

- not always know what God's will is. We must simply make our requests and let God's will be done as we completely trust Him (Prov. 3:5, 6; Mk. 14:36). When Jesus taught about God's providential care, Jesus scolded his hearers for their lack of faith in their Father's providence: *"O ye of little faith"* (Mt. 6:30). How much faith do we have in God's providence? If you are a faithful Christian, but you are praying to God without faith that He is listening or willing to help, don't expect Him to grant your request! James said Christians must ask in faith without wavering, or they will receive nothing (Jam. 1:6, 7). Why should Christians believe everything in the Bible except what God said about answering prayers?
7. If you have some selfish, sinful motivation behind your request, don't expect God to grant your request (Jam. 4:3), and if you don't ask for help, don't expect to get help: *"...ye have not, because ye ask not"* (Jam. 4:2). Asking God for what we need honors Him and acknowledges our dependence on Him as the Giver of every good and perfect gift (Jam. 1:17; cf. Deut. 8:18). We also acknowledge His providence by giving Him thanks *"in everything,"* *"always for all things"* (1 Thess. 5:18; Eph. 5:20).
 8. Nothing bothering you is too small or great to give to God. He wants us to cast *"all"* our cares upon Him (1 Pet. 5:7), and to *"Be careful [anxious] for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus"* (Php. 4:6-7). *"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened"* (Mt. 7:7-8; cf. 7:9-11).
 9. Christians must understand the difference between the miraculous and the providential. Christians may pray for safety during a storm (providential care—Php. 4:6, 7), but Jesus rebuked a storm and it immediately disappeared (miraculous—Mk. 4:39). God rained down bread from heaven for the Israelites (miraculous—Ex. 16), but Jesus taught His followers to pray for their daily bread (non-miraculous, providential blessings—Mt. 6:11, 25-34). God said that miracles would cease, but He never even implied that prayers for providential blessings would become ineffective after the miraculous age (Zech. 13:1-3; 1 Cor. 13:8-12; Eph. 4:7-13; 5:20).
 10. Regarding the details and inner workings of God's providence, we could say what Mordecai said: *"Who knows?"* (Est. 4:14; Rom. 11:33; 13:1; Phm. 15). Man cannot always know how and when God works in His providential care, but this writer has seen it countless times and plans to trust in the Great Provider until the end.