

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—aneurysm
- ♦ Florene Howze—improving
- ♦ Donna Parrish—health problems
- ♦ Brenda Ray—improving
- ♦ Jim Ward—Surgery April 8

Others in Need

- ♦ Janet Andrews—chemotherapy
- ♦ Sandra Cook—chemotherapy
- ♦ Rhonda Compton—back pain
- ♦ Elise Davis—shoulder surgery
- ♦ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ♦ Carol Kitzan—health problems
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ♦ Paul Mayo—chemotherapy
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Garland Robinson's mother passed away
- ♦ Patty Ryan—cancer spread
- ♦ 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



February 6

Fellowship meal after AM worship

March

Faith and Fellowship

May 1-5

Gospel Meeting preached by men of this congregation

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

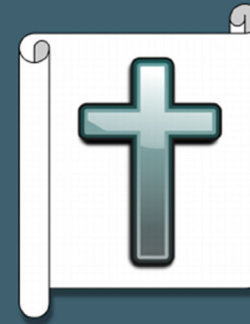


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



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



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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class
 11AM Worship
 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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Arguments for Shorter Worship Services

1. "Americans are not used to sitting still for long periods of time. If worship goes too long people's minds will start to wander. Their attention span is short. It is counterproductive to have a sermon that is more than 25 minutes in length."
2. "Church services must be socially and culturally relevant; therefore worship time should be limited to a realistic attention time span."

To what realistic norms are they referring?

Popular sports in America are an example of our attention span. The average length of an NBA Basketball game is 150 minutes. The average length of a Major League Baseball game is 170 minutes. The average length of an NFL Football game is 180 minutes. How does that compare to our nice 60 minute church service slot?

What about movies? Most popular movies are around 90 minutes in length. The top 10 grossing films of all time averaged 158 minutes.

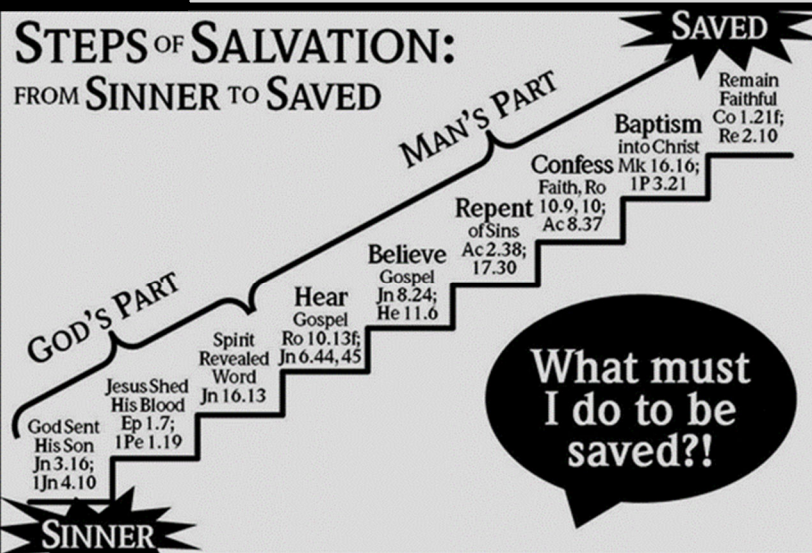
Maybe we are not as pressed for time as we claim! Perhaps our priorities are in the temporary physical things of life instead of the eternal spiritual things.

—Tim Kidwell, adapted

From the editor: A young brother in Christ recently said that one of his college professors advised his students on sermon length. The professor said people could not listen to someone talk for more than 20 minutes. The professor's lectures were about 50 minutes each!

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

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

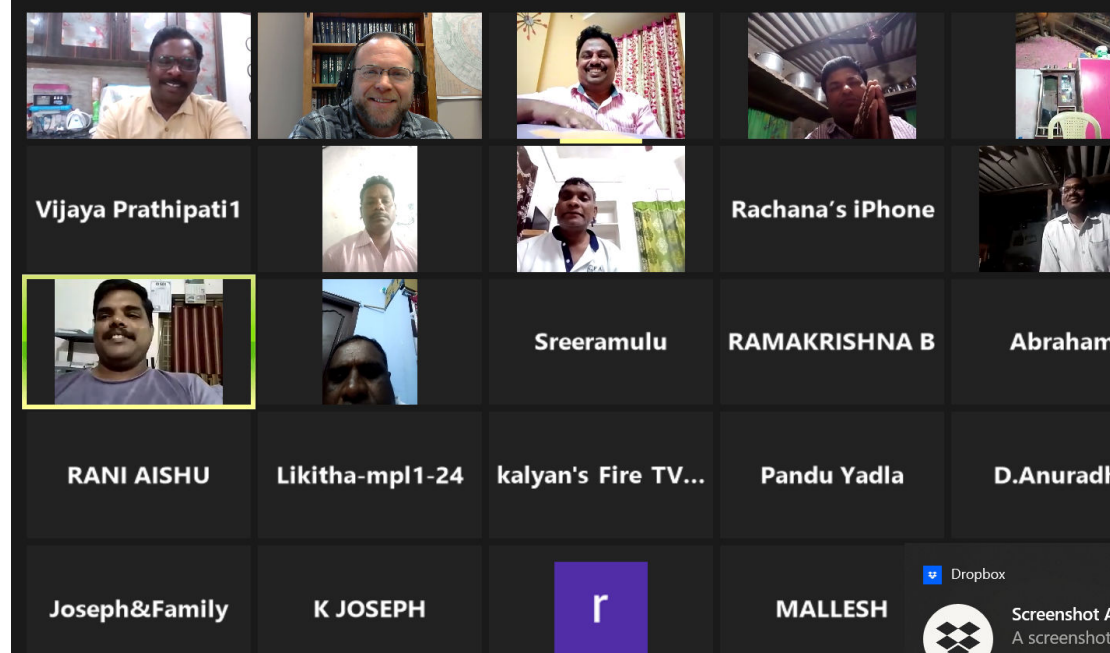


"...but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17b-18).

A Few Words from Jason

I received good news this week that a few people in Pakistan are ready for me to begin teaching them. Brother Khokhar Shahid and his family plan to connect weekly, and they are working on getting others in Pakistan connected for classes also.

The following are pictures from recent online classes to Laos (top) and India (bottom):



Questions on Baptism

By Franklin Camp

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38).

If baptism is not a condition of salvation, will you please answer these questions? If baptism is not a condition of salvation, why did Peter mention baptism, since he was answering the question of what to do to be saved? (Acts 2:37). If salvation comes after baptism, would not repentance also follow salvation, since they are joined by the conjunction and? Are not repentance and baptism in this verse both for the same purpose?

If salvation comes before baptism, why does Peter say it is for the remission of sins? If the phrase, "for the remission of sins" in Acts 2:38 means because of remission, would not the same phrase in Matthew 26:28 mean because of remission of sins? Did Jesus shed His blood because men were already saved? If Christ did not shed His blood because men were already saved, would it not follow that men are not baptized because they are already saved? The phrase in Matthew 26:28 and Acts 2:38 are identical in both the Greek and English. Would it not be a false doctrine to teach that Christ shed His blood because men were already saved? Likewise, is it not a false doctrine to teach that men are baptized, because they are already saved?

If the people on Pentecost were saved before they were baptized, why were they not added to the church until they were baptized, since such as should be saved were added to the church? The word church means "the called out" and only those baptized were added to the church. If one is saved before he is baptized, would he be saved before he is called out of the world? Is salvation in the world or in Christ? (2 Tim. 2:10).

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls (Acts 2:41). He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day (John 12:48). Then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved (Luke 8:12). Can one be saved and not receive the Word? All who received the Word on Pentecost were baptized. Were there any on Pentecost who were saved that did not receive the Word?

Does the Word say "baptized for the remission of sins" or "baptized because of remission of sins"? How is it possible for one to be baptized as the Word teaches, and not be baptized for the remission of sins? If you were not baptized for the remission of sins, you were not baptized as the Word teaches and therefore were not saved. If not, why not?