

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Jennifer Derrick—good scans!
- ◆ Wilfred Derrick—aneurysm
- ◆ Florene Howze—moved to a new facility
- ◆ Donna Parrish—health problems
- ◆ Brenda Ray—not doing well
- ◆ Jim Ward—Surgery April 8; fell and cracked a rib

Others in Need

- ◆ Rhonda Compton—back pain
- ◆ Elise Davis—shoulder surgery
- ◆ Viem Do—surgery recovery
- ◆ 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—better results
- ◆ Donato Velasquez—health

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issues

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

Events



March 6

Fellowship Meal after AM Worship

March 25

Faith and Fellowship, 7PM

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

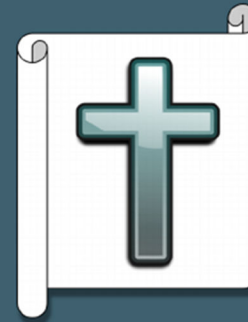


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



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



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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class
 11AM Worship
 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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A Few Words from Jason

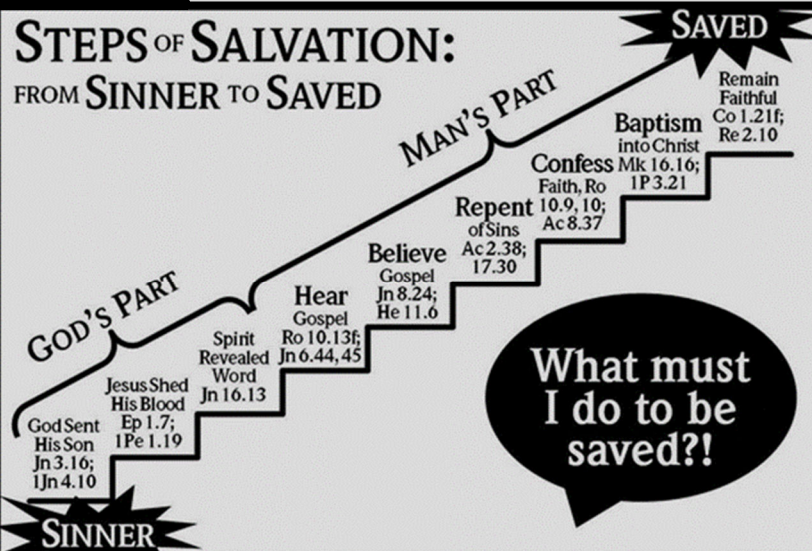
We should be praying without ceasing for those on our prayer list, world leaders, and especially for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Their situation is dire, with many in harm's way and in need of essentials. Fox News said with over one million people fleeing Ukraine, it is the largest displacement since World War II. If any individuals or churches receiving this bulletin are looking for a way to help those in Ukraine, contact me and I will give you information regarding this.

The following is from one of our fellow Christians in Ukraine:

"I can't and don't want to believe this. What happened to my country, my city? That feeling when there is not enough air and it is pressing in your chest. It's like I'm under weight, I can't feel the ground under my feet and buzzing in my ears. I'm flying into some abyss like Alice in dreamland because I'm counting down the days from the first... day one, second, third... everything quickly turns around in some sort of chaos, how fast things change. Like this isn't me. It's like I got into some kind of mirror. But I'm still here on earth! Where is my house at? Where is the home of each of us? Where is the normal life of each of us? Will I ever see my mother again? Father? Brothers? Friends? Close ones? Relatives? We are scattered all over the earth. We are divided between ourselves. It just hurts. It hurts in my soul. I'm just crying I can't hold back the tears. Should I be ashamed of this? My home now, it's a suitcase and a path. A path to a place you don't know yet... We are the pilgrims. All I know is that God is leading somewhere... I only know one thing that our bond is in our heart. All I know is that the power of gratitude for everything, the power of prayer and faith in the best, forgiveness.. keep our heart in love with God, for life, for people."

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).

Where's the Instrument?

By David Sproule

One of the first questions that often runs through the mind of a first-time visitor to the church of Christ is, "Where's the instrument?" Asking such a question is understandable, as it is very common to find mechanical instruments in many assemblies today. Is there a simple explanation for this? There certainly is. The mechanical instrument of music is in the same place as other things that have not been authorized by God. Consider these examples.

The instrument is in the same place as Noah being permitted to use cedar wood in building the ark. God specified gopherwood as the wood for constructing the ark (Gen. 6:14). By specifying gopher wood, God automatically excluded all other woods, without needing to say another word about it.

The instrument is in the same place as a Jew being permitted to observe the Sabbath on Tuesday rather than Saturday. God specified the seventh day as the Jewish day of rest called the Sabbath (Ex. 16:26; 20:10). By specifying the seventh day, God automatically excluded all other days, without needing to say another word about it.

The instrument is in the same place as someone from the tribe of Judah being permitted to serve as a priest under the Levitical system. God specified the Levites as the tribe from which priests would come (Num. 8:14-19). By specifying Levi, God automatically excluded all other tribes from the priesthood, without needing to say another word about it.

The instrument is in the same place as Oreos and milk being permitted to be used in the Lord's Supper. God specified unleavened bread and fruit of the vine in the remembrance of the Lord's body and blood (Matt. 26:17, 26-29). By specifying unleavened bread and fruit of the vine, God automatically excluded all other foods from the communion, without needing to say another word about it.

Apply this same Biblical principle to music in New Testament worship. In reading the New Testament, the only music that God ever specifies (and, therefore, authorizes) for worshiping Him today is singing (Acts 16:25; Rom. 15:9; 1 Cor. 14:15; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Heb. 2:12; 13:15). The music that is specifically authorized is "singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19). Man has no authority to add to or take away from what God authorizes (Rev. 22:18-19). Therefore, by specifying singing in New Testament worship, God automatically excluded all other music from worship, without needing to say another word about it.

After authorizing singing, God specified that "all" we "do" must be done "in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Col. 3:16-17). Singing is authorized. Mechanical instruments are not.

—Slightly adapted

Do Hezekiah's Actions Give Us Authority for Mechanical Instruments?

By Jason Patrick Hilburn

When God was bringing Israel out of Egypt, He instituted the Passover, which was to be observed by the Jews annually on the fourteenth day of the first month (Ex. 12:18). When Hezekiah was king over Judah, the Jews once observed the Passover in the second month instead of the first month, "*because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves to Jerusalem*" (2 Chr. 30:1-3). Some claim that since God had specified the first month, not the second month, they must have been allowed to do something differently than God specified. Therefore, they say, if God made an exception for them, God will make exceptions for men today who do not worship the way God specified. They claim that God's grace will "cover" those who use mechanical instruments, which are different than the kind of music God specified in the New Testament (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).

First of all, God had given the "second month exception" in His Law some 700 years before Hezekiah reigned:

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your posterity shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be in a journey afar off, yet he shall keep the passover unto the LORD. The fourteenth day of the second month at even they shall keep it, and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs (Numbers 9:9-11).

Hezekiah's observance was based on what God had already stated in the Law of Moses about the second month being acceptable in certain situations. There is no parallel New Testament "exception Scripture" in the New Testament authorizing mechanical instruments in certain cases for New Testament worship, so the point being made is invalid.

There was also an issue of some who were still impure when it was time for the second month observance (30:18-20). Hezekiah prayed for them to be forgiven, and the implication is that God forgave them, but from now on they would need to be purified as He had commanded. None of this is justification for anyone today who continues in unauthorized worship without repentance. The idea that "grace will cover" those persisting in unauthorized worship does not harmonize with Biblical teaching. "*The Word of His grace*" teaches men to live obediently (Acts 20:32; Titus 2:11, 12), and Paul condemned the idea that men may "*continue in sin, that grace may abound*" (Rom. 6).

It is interesting that some will "grasp at straws" to justify using mechanical instruments in worship, but they do not say anything about those who were punished or destroyed for tampering with God's instructions, such as Cain (Gen. 4), Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10), Korah (Num. 16), the 50,070 people of Beth-Shemesh (1 Sam. 6), Uzzah (2 Sam. 6), Jeroboam (1 Kin. 13), King Uzziah (2 Chr. 26), etc.

2 Chronicles 30 was a unique situation which included an authorized exception. The sin of impurity was acknowledged, and there was a prayer for forgiveness. Repentance and ceasing of sin is clearly implied, so this is not justification for anyone continuing in unauthorized worship today without repentance and the fruits thereof. Let us be satisfied with what God specified, and may we be the "*true worshipers*" God is seeking: "*...the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him*" (John 4:23).