

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—Covid-19
- ♦ David Howze—arthritis, pain
- ♦ Jim Ward—improving, Encompass Inpatient Rehab, Pensacola, Rm. 106

### Others in Need

- ♦ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ♦ Katie Gonzalez—6, rare disease
- ♦ Michael Hudson—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Tony Jones—Parkinson's
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Shane Price—cancer
- ♦ Larry Shappley—hospice care
- ♦ Ronnie Wells—health problems
- ♦ Sidney White—high blood press.
- ♦ Christians overseas, Ukraine
- ♦ Sound Bible schools, civil leaders, military, 1st responders, the lost, enemies

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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



No fellowship meals in December, January

**December 11**  
Men's Meeting

**February 24**  
Faith and Fellowship

## Privileged to Serve



**Announcements**—Glenn Howze  
**Song Leading**—Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Caleb Howze

**Serving the Lord's Supper**  
Head: Leo Derrick; Helpers: Wilfred Derrick, Caleb Howze, Ethan Howze

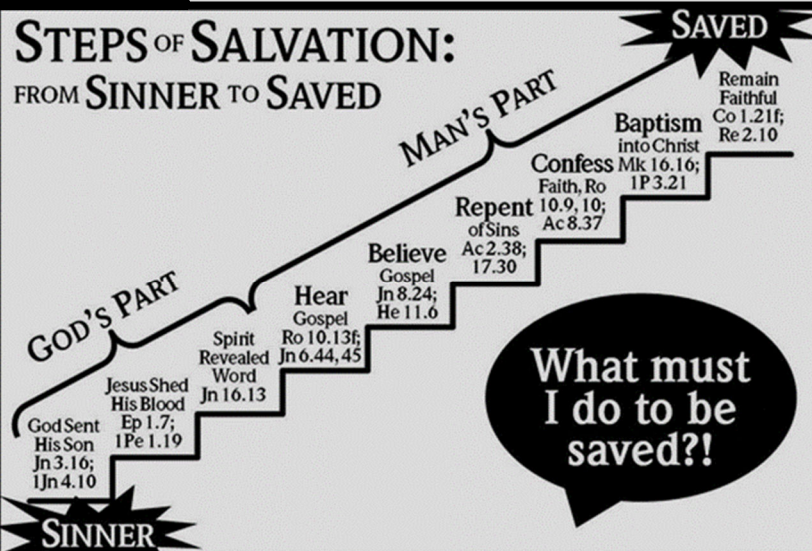
**Lord's Supper PM**  
Head: Glenn Howze  
Helper: David Howze

**Scripture Reading**—Mark Howze

**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).

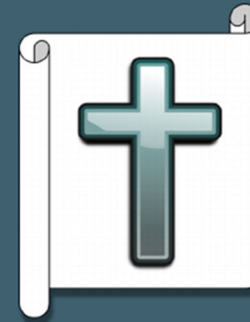
## STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

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



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).



# THE BAKER BULLETIN

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The church of Christ in Baker, FL

December 11, 2022

## Meeting Times

### Sundays:

- 10AM Bible Class
- 11AM Worship
- 6PM Worship

### Wednesdays:

- 7PM Bible Class

## Other Information

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## Calvary, Not Bethlehem

Tom Wacaster

It happened almost 2,000 years ago; but the residual effect is still with us today. Every time we partake of the Lord's Supper we are reminded of that moment in history when the sins of mankind were laid upon the back of our Savior and the Son of God bled and suffered on Calvary that you and I might live. But for some reason men have a desire to celebrate the birth of Christ rather than His death. We decorate our houses with glittering lights, wrap our presents in pretty paper, and sing holiday songs for approximately 28 days, and then go on our merry way wishing each other a Happy New Year until the next "black Friday" when the latest gadgets and electronic marvels hit the shelves of Best Buy and Walmart. While the birth of Jesus is most certainly a significant historical event, it was not God's wish that we celebrate the birth of Jesus once a year, but that we remember His death once a week. Every time we break the bread and drink the cup we are reminded of Calvary! The late Johnny Ramsey so eloquently captured the idea:

On a hill far away that old rugged Cross beckons lost mankind to a nobler pursuit of life. Out of the depths of despair and ruin untold comes a clarion call from heaven that provides salvation for wayfaring men estranged from God to come back home to the Father who runs to meet the prodigals once enveloped in the pig-pen of iniquity. The compelling love of the One who died for all (2 Cor. 5:14) draws us to a richer, fuller and purpose filled life that responds to the suffering Savior in obedience, gratitude and loyalty (*The Words of Truth*, April 25, 1997).

The real impact of Christianity is not found in a manger one cold December morning. In fact, evidence suggests that our Lord was not born in the dead of winter. The heralding angels, the shepherds, and the wise men all played a part in ushering the Lord and Savior into this world. We cannot, yea would not diminish the importance of that moment when Mary gave birth to the incarnate Son of God. Without His birth there would have been no life; and without His sinless life there would have been no value in His death beyond that of ordinary mortal men. However, it was not His birth, but His death that provides hope. It was His death that unleashed the power of heaven to save men from their sins. It is Calvary, not Bethlehem, to which the eyes of lost humanity must turn for hope. It was Calvary, not Bethlehem where the price was paid for the sins of humanity. It was Calvary, not Bethlehem, where God's law was fulfilled, divine wrath was satisfied, and the fountain of life was opened and from whence has poured forth the cleansing blood of our Lord for almost 20 centuries. Yes, all this happened at Calvary, not Bethlehem!

*-Slightly adapted*

## "Filled With the Holy Ghost"

Jason Patrick Hilburn

Was the phrase "*filled with the Holy Ghost*" referring to the miraculous CAUSE of the Word being spoken, or the non-miraculous EFFECT of hearing the Word? The reader is encouraged to study the following Scriptures:

- Luke 1:15 – "filled" (by hearing?)
- Luke 1:41 – "filled...spoke"
- Luke 1:67 – "filled...prophesied"
- Acts 2:4 – "filled...speak...tongues"
- Acts 4:8 – "filled...said"
- Acts 4:31 – "filled...spoke"
- Acts 7:55 – "full of...said"
- Acts 9:17 – "filled" (by hearing? See Galatians 1:11-22)
- Acts 13:9 – "filled...said"
- Eph. 5:18-20 – "filled...speaking"

Regarding Ephesians 5:18-20, if this "filling" was non-miraculous, it would be the exception out of all these examples. We know the Old Testament Psalms came from the Spirit (2 Sam. 23:1, 2; 2 Tim. 3:16), and they could not have contained predictive prophecies otherwise (2 Pet. 1:20, 21). Remember that the early churches could carry out certain acts of worship with the miraculous power of the Spirit (1 Cor. 14:13-26). The church at Ephesus had miraculous gifts, so why would their worship assemblies have been completely "non-miraculous" and totally different from what is described in First Corinthians chapter fourteen? (Acts 19:6; cf. Eph. 1:13-17; 4:7-14; 6:18). The parallel passage stating "*Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom*" (Col. 3:16, 17) does not prove that Ephesians 5:18 was non-miraculous, because the early church often accessed the Word via the miraculous power of the Spirit.

Even if we conclude that this terminology in these verses pertained to miraculous gifts, the diligent Bible student should understand that miracles had temporary purposes and ceased in the first century A.D. (Zech. 13:1-3; Matt. 8:17; John 3:2; 16:13; Acts 2:22; 1 Cor. 13:8-12; Eph. 4:7-13; Heb. 2:3, 4). For further study see verses such as Luke 4:18; Acts 6:3, 5, 8; 8:12-18; 10:38, 44-47; 1 Thessalonians 5:19, 20; 1 Timothy 4:14, and 2 Timothy 1:6.

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