

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—good results
- ♦ David Howze—arthritis, pain
- ♦ Emmie Lou and Liam Mashburn—sick

Others in Need

- ♦ Austin and Avery Derrick—sick
- ♦ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ♦ Katie Gonzalez—6, rare disease
- ♦ Michael Hudson—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Tony Jones—Parkinson's
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Richard McCool—heart attack
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Shane Price—cancer
- ♦ Larry Shappley—hospice care
- ♦ Cody Skinner—surgery recov.
- ♦ Denise Vincent—possible broken finger
- ♦ Ronnie Wells—health problems

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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



February 24

Faith and Fellowship

March 6-10

Gospel Mtg. in Silverhill, AL

May 7-11

Our Gospel Mtg., Jason Holladay speaking

Privileged to Serve



Announcements—Mark Howze
Song Leading—Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Mark Howze

Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Ethan Howze; Helpers: Justin Derrick, Caleb Howze, Josh Lawson

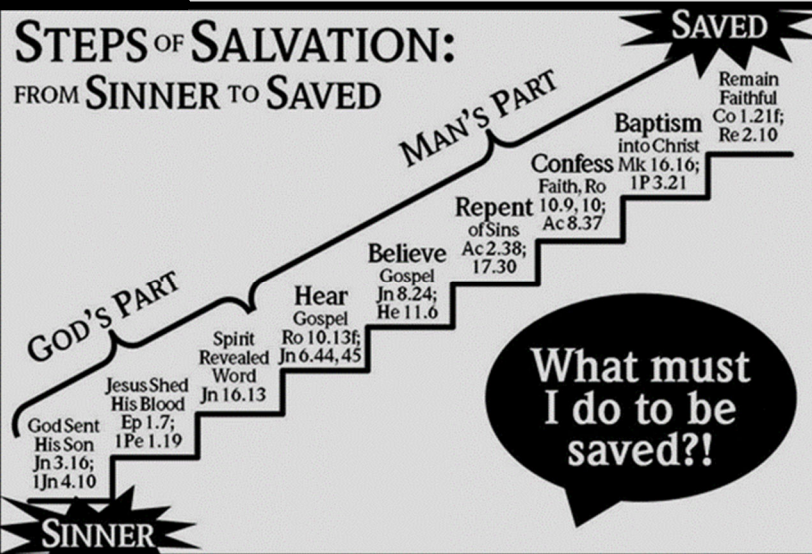
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Mark Howze
 Helper: Josh Lawson

Scripture Reading—Justin Derrick

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).



"...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).

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Meeting Times

Sundays:

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

Wednesdays:

- 7PM Bible Class

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Tell Us What You "Do" Like

By Victor M. Eskew

It is amazing how quickly people will tell you what they do not like about worship services and Bible class.

They do not like...

- That the preacher is long winded.
- That the preacher repeats himself.
- That the preacher is boring.
- That the preacher has no passion.
- That the preacher is too loud.
- That the preacher does not use enough verses.
- That the preacher uses too many verses.
- That the preacher is too shallow.
- That the preacher is too deep.
- That the song leader is too slow.
- That the song leader pitches the song wrong.
- That the song leader sings the same songs.
- That the song leader is too loud.
- That so and so prays too long.
- That so and so prays the same prayer every time.
- That so and so can't be heard when he prays.
- That so and so prays every week.

That the Lord's Supper is at the start of service.
That the Lord's Supper is at the end of service.
That we do not spend more time on the Lord' Supper.
The teacher does not cover enough material.
The teacher is boring.
The teacher covers too much material.
The teacher just reads out of the book.
The teacher does not teach enough Bible.
So and so talks too much.
So and so thinks she is all that.
So and so will not keep her kids quiet.
So and so always comes in late.
So and so sleeps during the lesson.
So and so loves to constantly "Amen."

There are probably a thousand other things that people will tell you that they do not like about worship services.

It would be interesting to hear all the complainers answer this question: "What do you like about worship services and Bible class?"

Most likely, this list would be very short. Some might respond: "I like it that we get out on time."

We are such a selfish society that we forget that worship is not about us. Worship is about God.

Question: "What is it that upsets God about the way you worship?"

Do you think God might have a pretty long list of answers to that question?

When you go to worship today, don't look at all the things you don't like. Try to find several things that you do like. Perhaps you can start with the fact that we spend part of the service remembering what Jesus did for us on the cross of Calvary.

We Need Men Like Caleb

By Jimmy Ferguson

We are introduced to a man named Caleb in Numbers 13. From the first time we read about him, you can't help but be impressed with him. In Numbers 13:30, we learn what kind of man he was. He was bold. He was courageous. He was optimistic. He was the kind of man who would stand up for what was right no matter how many opposed him. He was a man of faith. He was the kind of man who knew that, if God was on your side, you couldn't lose.

In Numbers 13, we read that Moses sent twelve spies into Canaan to spy out the land. Caleb and Joshua were two of those spies. When the twelve returned, ten of the spies gave a negative report and convinced the people that to conquer the land was an impossible task. But Caleb said, "Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it" (v. 30). Caleb knew that they were "well able to overcome it," because God would be with them and would do battle for them. No wonder he was so optimistic!

More of his faith and courage is seen in chapter 14. God was so very disappointed with the ten spies. He was pleased with only Joshua and Caleb. God promised a blessing upon Caleb "because he had another spirit with him and hath followed me fully..." (14:24). Yes, Caleb had a different spirit than the ten unfaithful spies. He had a spirit of faith and optimism that was rooted in His awareness of God's presence.

Much later, Caleb was still demonstrating this same spirit of faith and optimism. He was eighty-five years of age. He said, "I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me; as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spake in that day, for thou heard in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said. And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance" (Joshua 14:11-13). "This mountain" was the city of Hebron and the surrounding area where fearsome warriors, the sons of Anak, who were giants, dwelled. Caleb then proceeded to drive them out, just as he said he would do with God's help (Joshua 15:14).

Caleb was a fighter for God's army of Israel. He knew that with God's presence and blessings, they simply could not be defeated. He was a leader. He was willing to be in the forefront of the battle. It didn't matter to him how big the giants were, or how high the mountain! His faith in God kept moving him forward against the enemies of Jehovah.

Yes, Caleb had "another spirit in him" – so different from many today who are ready to give up at the first sign of opposition. He was on the Lord's side – from his youth to the end of his life! Oh, how desperately the Lord's church today needs men like Caleb!