

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—health problems

Others in Need

- ♦ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ♦ Mariah Hilburn—expecting
- ♦ Michael Hudson—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Tony Jones—Parkinson's
- ♦ Denver Kitzan—surg. recovery
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Shane Price—cancer
- ♦ Larry Shappley—hospice care
- ♦ Scott Snyder—kidney stone surgery recovery
- ♦ Yoel Urra—improving
- ♦ Denise Vincent's daughter and grandchildren—Covid-19
- ♦ Ronnie Wells—health problems
- ♦ Craig Wray—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ The Hinote and Lee families after recent losses.

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- ♦ Pray for Christians overseas, such as those facing intense persecution in Pakistan and certain parts of India.
- ♦ Pray for the bereaved, the persecuted, sick/suffering, civil leaders, military, 1st responders, sound Bible schools, the lost, enemies.

Events



- Oct. 1**
Meal after AM Worship
- Oct. 8**
Men's Meeting

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—Ethan Howze
Song Leading—Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Mark Howze
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Johnny Moss; Helpers: Leo Derrick, Caleb Howze, Mark Howze
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Ethan Howze
 Helper: Ezra Howze
Scripture Reading—Braden Hilburn

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Meeting Times

Sundays:

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

Wednesdays:

- 7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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The Prom

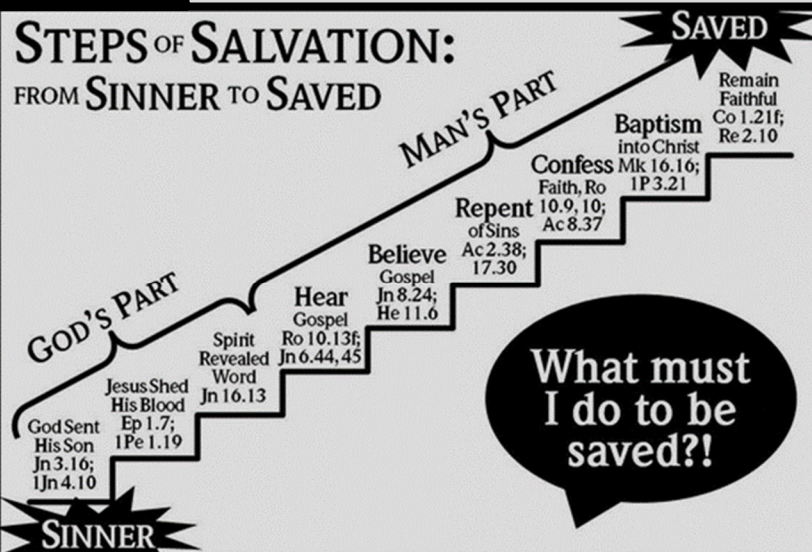
By Jerry Joseph

It is that time of the year when young people are thinking about "The Prom." There are some young people and parents who consider the prom as one of the highlights of the school year. They look forward to it with great anticipation. Some do not see any problem with "The Prom" and other modern dancing. It is tragic and sad to hear of some young people who claim to be children of God attending such activities. To make it even worse, some parents will encourage and condone such. Yes, such is tragic as well as sinful (2 John 9-11). "The Prom" with its modern dancing is no place for a child of God. Notice some reasons why that is the case:

Modern dancing is condemned in the Scriptures. When you read of the works of the flesh as listed in Galatians 5:19-21, Paul said that they who "do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Please consider two of the things mentioned: "Lasciviousness" and "reveling." Lasciviousness is described as "filthy words, indecent bodily movements, unchaste handling of males and females" (Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon). Reveling is a "jovial feast with music and dancing" (Liddell Scott Greek Lexicon). When one understands the meaning of these words, it is evident that dancing and "Proms" are condemned

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).

in the Scriptures.

Dancing causes lewd and lustful desires. You cannot obey "Flee also youthful lusts" (2 Timothy 2:22); "...neither be partakers of other men's sins; keep thyself pure" (1 Timothy 5:22), and "...abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11) while engaging in the modern dance. When we engage in activities that cause such, it is sinful. Remember that Jesus said, "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matthew 5:28).

Dancing crushes one's influence for good. We do influence the people around us for good or evil. Dancing, attending the prom is not a 'good work.' We must stay away from those things that are evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22; Matthew 5:16; 1 Timothy 4:12). Young people keep your body and heart pure (1 Corinthians 6:16-20; Matthew 4:8). Parents, you must help your children to be pure in their attitudes, actions, attire and activities by guiding them and directing them in the way that is right. Both parents and young people need to stand up for what is right and oppose that which is wrong (Ephesians 5:11; 1 Corinthians 16:13).

Many excuses are offered to justify such activities, but none will stand in light of what the Bible teaches. What about "The Prom"? It is not a place for the faithful child of God. We must do as Paul said in Titus 2:12, "...denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world." Plan an alternative.

They Don't Even Think About God on Sunday

By Victor M. Eskew

As we drive to the worship services on Sunday, we see a lot of people out and about. Our focus is on praising God. There are many, however, who will not even think about God today.

These individuals perhaps were never taught about God. They grew up in homes where God was absent therefrom. Thus, He continues to be absent from their lives today.

Others may have grown up in a religious home. However, when they formed homes of their own, they decided they no longer needed God in their lives. They have been without Him for so long they no longer think of Him, even on Sundays.

Not one thought about God.

Not one desire to be in the house of worship.

Not one thought about sin or salvation.

Not one sting of conscience regarding the death of Jesus.

Not one regret about failing to know God's Word.

Not one ounce of yearning to fellowship with the saints.

Not one drop of remorse about failing to live for Jesus.

Not one bit of worry about their eternal destiny.

For those who know God, know Jesus, and know the precious Word of truth revealed by the Spirit of God, it is difficult for us to think of just pushing God out of our thoughts. He is our everything. And, life without Him we would be absolutely nothing and utterly purposeless.

Some could read this post, and say: "Yes, you have written about me." They would continue with their Godless life and not have one concern for what they are missing. It's concerning. It's sad.

We pray for all those who do not know God.

We pray their hearts will be open to Him.

We pray that they will seek a relationship with Him.

We pray that one day their lives will be lived for Him.

We pray that one day the Lord's Day will have meaning for their lives.