

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Justin Derrick—broken leg

### Others in Need

- ♦ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ♦ Mariah Hilburn—expecting
- ♦ Michael Hudson—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Tony Jones—Parkinson's
- ♦ Denver Kitzan—surg. went well
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Shane Price—cancer
- ♦ Ashley Rawls—at home
- ♦ Larry Shappley—hospice care
- ♦ Scott Snyder—kidney stone surgery recovery
- ♦ Yoel Urra—surgery recov. issue
- ♦ Denise Vincent's daughter and grandchildren—Covid-19
- ♦ Ronnie Wells—health problems

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- ♦ Craig Wray—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Christians overseas
- ♦ Pray for the bereaved, the persecuted, sick/suffering, civil leaders, military, 1st responders, sound Bible schools, the lost, enemies.

## Events



Sept. 27  
4th Wednesday Singing

**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

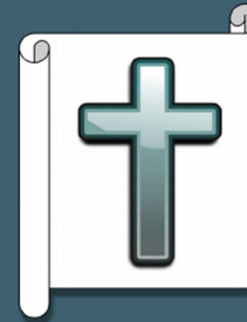


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

## Privileged to Serve



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



# THE BAKER BULLETIN

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## Meeting Times

### Sundays:

10AM Bible Class  
 11AM Worship  
 6PM Worship

### Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

## Other Information

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## Your Greatest Happiness: In the Past or the Future?

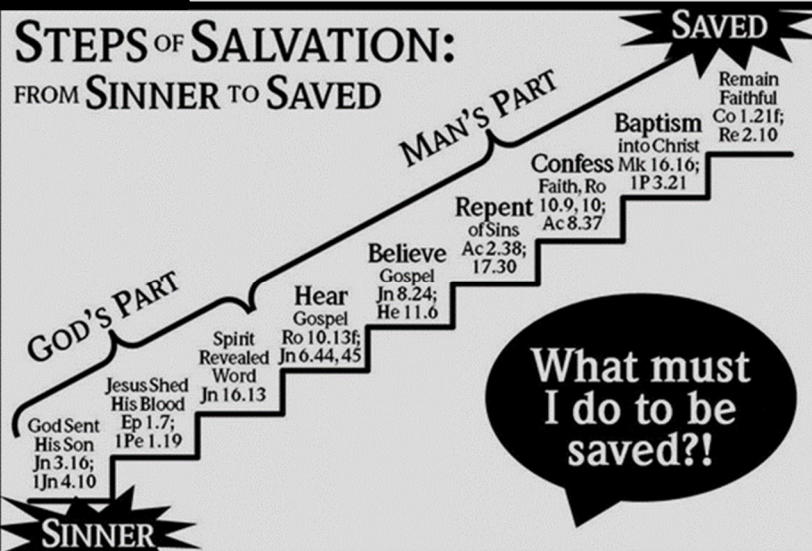
Jason Patrick Hilburn

Is your greatest happiness in the past, or in the future? If we live our lives always looking back, it's like running backwards in a race we desperately need to win. That will only slow us down and make it very difficult to reach the goal. We cannot go back to the so-called "good old days," but we can go somewhere even better. We are getting farther and farther from the past and our youth, but if we are faithful Christians, we are getting closer and closer to Heaven! Christians should be realistically anticipating the future instead of idealistically dreaming about the past: "...it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed" (Rom. 13:11; cf. Ecc. 7:10; Mt. 6:21; Lk. 9:62; 1 Cor. 9:24-27; Php. 3:13-14; Heb. 12:1-2; Jam. 1:8).

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Php. 3:13-14).

## 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 Quran is Not the Word of God

Jason Patrick Hilburn

**The Bible is the Word of God.**

**If the Bible is the Word of God, the Quran is not the Word of God**, because the Quran contradicts many fundamental concepts found throughout the Bible.

**If the Bible is NOT the Word of God, the Quran is not the Word of God**, because the Quran claims that the original words of the Bible came from Heaven (Quran 2:87, 136; 3:3; 4:163; 5:46), and that words from Heaven cannot be altered or corrupted (Quran 6:34; 6:115; 10:64). Therefore, if the Bible did not originate with God, or has allegedly become corrupted, the Quran's claims about the Bible's words coming from Heaven were also false, making the Quran a false book.

**Conclusion: No matter what, the Quran is not the Word of God!**

## Listen to Your Heart?

Eric Farrior

Listen to your heart—If you want to go to Hell. Trust God if you don't....You can't do both (Rom. 6:16).

Pro. 28:26 - *He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.*

Jer. 17:9 - *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*

Pro. 14:12 - *There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*

Pro. 3:5 - *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

## ELDERSHIP ESSENTIALS

By Jason Hilburn

### SYNONYMS FOR THE SAME OFFICE

(From three Greek words—*presbuteros, episkopos, poimano*)

**Elders** (*most common term in the Bible*) = **bishops** = **overseers** = **shepherds** = **pastors**

**They could also be called rulers:** "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls..." (Heb. 13:17; cf. Heb. 13:7; 1 Thess. 5:12; 1 Tim. 5:17; 1 Pet. 5:1-4).

OFFICE	SCRIPTURES
BISHOPS = ELDERS	"...ordain <u>elders</u> in every city, as I had appointed thee: If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a <u>bishop</u> must be blameless..." (Titus 1:5-7; cf. 1 Tim. 3:1-7; 1 Pet. 5:1-4).
ELDERS = OVERSEERS	"And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the <u>elders</u> of the church...the Holy Ghost hath made you <u>overseers</u> ..." (Acts 20:17, 28).
OVERSEERS = SHEPHERDS	"...take heed to...all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you <u>overseers</u> , to <u>shepherd</u> the church..." (Acts 20:28 NKJV; cf. 1 Pet. 2:25).
SHEPHERDS = PASTORS	The Greek root in " <b>feed/shepherd</b> " ( <i>poimano</i> ) in Acts 20:28 and 1 Peter 5:2 is from the same root in " <b>pastors</b> " ( <i>poimen</i> ) (Eph. 4:11). <i>Poimen</i> is most often translated as "shepherd(s)". The word "pastors" is related to the word "pasture," indicating elders overseeing the flock (1 Pet. 5:1-4).

### OTHER INFORMATION

**ALWAYS A PLURALITY OF THESE MEN** mentioned over each congregation—never one man as "the pastor" over a congregation.

"...they had ordained them elders [plural, JPH] in every church [singular, JPH]..." (Acts 14:23; cf. Acts 15:22; 20:17, 28; Phil. 1:1; Titus 1:5; Heb. 13:7, 17; James 5:14).

**NOT THE SAME AS AN EVANGELIST**, who is mentioned separately:

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers" (Eph. 4:11).

**MUST MEET GOD'S REQUIREMENTS** (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-11; 1 Pet. 5:1-3).