

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Justin Derrick—ankle/leg injury

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
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Craig Wray—stage 4 cancer

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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).

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

Events



Sept. 27
 4th Wednesday Singing

Oct. 1
 Meal after AM Worship

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).

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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

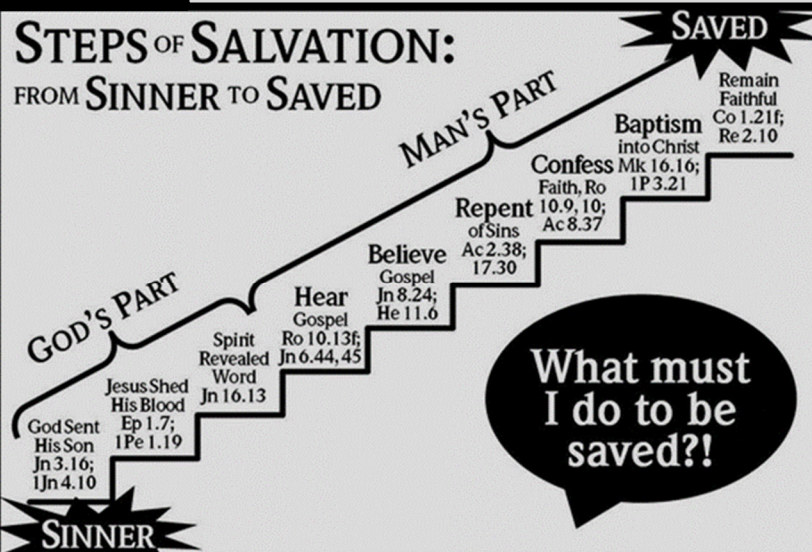
It is great to announce the repentance and restoration of Jeff Mashburn! Please pray for him as he is shut-in and dealing with all that pertains to that type of situation. I'm sure he would appreciate cards and visits also. I can provide details regarding all of that to anyone interested, and we may post his contact information on the back board.

More good news is that seven souls in India have been saved by Christ in recent weeks! (mainly because of brother Vandan Kumar's efforts). This includes a (formerly) Pentecostal preacher who has been attending our online classes. He realized he had not done what the Bible says to be saved and had not been teaching the Truth. God is great, and His Son is the Savior of all who obey Him (Heb. 5:9; Matt. 7:21-23; Acts 2:38; 19:1-5; 22:16; 1 Pet. 1:22; 3:20-21).

Brother Kumar also said: "I am very glad to inform you that there are nearly 9 to 12 denominational preachers who are going to take the baptism. I am studying with them since October 2021 onwards and some of them are also attended in our Friday zoom Bible Classes. Please pray for them, I am planning to visit them by the end of this month."

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).

A False Use Made of Jesus' Baptism

By L. E. Wishum

Jesus commanded, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mk. 16:15,16). In carrying out this command, Peter told believers to "Repent and be baptized... in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). The Bible teaches that water baptism is a condition of salvation (I Pet. 3:21).

Most religious men readily agree with the conditions of hearing, believing, confessing, and repenting, but refuse to believe that water baptism is a condition of salvation. In seeking to show that water baptism is not essential to salvation, some tell us that Jesus was not baptized to be saved and since He is our example, then baptism is not for the remission of sins (Matt. 3:13-17). This is a false use of Jesus' baptism!

It is true that Jesus was not baptized for remission of sins, but neither did he believe, or repent, in order to be saved. Now if the fact that He was not baptized to be saved makes water baptism non-essential to salvation, then the fact He did not believe, or repent, to be saved would also make believing and repenting non-essential to salvation. With this kind of "reasoning," one could eliminate the whole gospel, for Jesus was not saved by the gospel. But, the gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Rom.1:16), and Mk.16:15-16 commands baptism to be preached as part of the gospel. The very same verses that command believing and repenting also command water baptism for the remission of sins, or to be saved (Mark 16:16 and Acts 2:38).

The truth is that Jesus was never saved, because He was never lost. Jesus never did sin (I Pet. 2:22; Heb. 4:15). Jesus is the ONLY one baptized who was not baptized for the remission of sins. Jesus is our

example in obedience to God, but not in the conditions of salvation. Since Jesus was not saved by sacrificial blood, would any one dare argue that His sacrificial blood is non-essential to salvation? Jesus was not lost! Therefore, He was not saved by grace, faith or the blood! But men are lost (Rom.3:23).

John, aware that he was baptizing for the remission of sins (Mark 1:4), was faced with a problem when Jesus came to him seeking baptism. John knew that Jesus had no sin. So, John said, "I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest Thou to me?" Jesus answered, "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:14-15). The word "suffer" means "allow," as in Matthew 19:14, thus, Jesus was encouraging John to allow this one exception so that Jesus might obey each and every command of God (Psa. 119:172). Jesus IS our example in obeying all the commands of God!

Jesus was never lost in sin and therefore could never be saved from sin. But sinful mankind is lost and Jesus (and the Holy Spirit) said that each sinner must repent and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Since Jesus is the Saviour, and since He commanded baptism in water as a condition of salvation, then no one can be saved without obeying the Gospel of the Saviour (Heb. 5:9; 2 Thess.1:7; Rom.1:16).

God chose, through mercy, to forgive sins through the blood of Christ when a sinner's faith meets the conditions of repentance and baptism in water (Mk.16:16 and Acts 2:38). One who believes and even repents of sin, but refuses to be baptized in water for the remission of sins, is refusing to obey the Lord of salvation (Mk.16:15-16) and thus, is not saved (Rev. 22:14). Paul had believed and repented, but was told to "arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins" (Acts 22:16). Paul knew that newness of life was available only after being buried and raised up from the baptism (Rom. 6:3-22).