

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Wilfred Derrick—health problems
- ◆ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ◆ Donna Parish—health problems
- ◆ Peggy Preece—not well lately

### Others in Need

- ◆ Edmond Brown passed away
- ◆ Danny Davis—back problems
- ◆ April Estain—expecting in Jan.
- ◆ Dawn Holloway—improving after surgery, long recovery ahead
- ◆ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ◆ Tony Jones—Parkinson's
- ◆ Denver Kitzan—surg. recovery
- ◆ Kyla, Denise's daughter—pregnancy complications
- ◆ Bill McGrady—health problems
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ◆ Thomas Patterson—health issues
- ◆ Shane Price—cancer
- ◆ Jason Rickmon—cancer
- ◆ Larry Shappley—hospice care

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- ◆ Yoel Urra—improving
- ◆ Ronnie Wells—health problems
- ◆ Craig Wray—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Pray for Christians overseas, such as those facing intense persecution in Pakistan and certain parts of India.
- ◆ Pray for peace, pray for the bereaved, the persecuted, sick/suffering, civil leaders, military, 1st responders, sound Bible schools, the lost, enemies.

## Events

**December and January**  
*No meals on first Sundays*

**January 14**  
*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

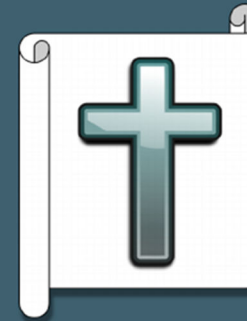


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

## Privileged to Serve



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



# THE BAKER BULLETIN

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The church of Christ in Baker, FL

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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

We are so happy to have two new sisters in Christ! Jessica Wesley (from Defuniak Springs) obeyed the Gospel on December 16th, and Taylor Mashburn became a Christian on December 22nd!

I was preaching out of town on December 17th, and I took some time off the last 2 weeks in December, so we had no bulletin for a few weeks. I appreciate Glenn and Mark stepping up to do the preaching and teaching while I was gone. It is a big relief to know that I can leave and have complete confidence that the teaching and preaching done while I'm gone will be sound.

December 16th marked the seven year anniversary of my family and I moving to Baker, and December 18th marked the seven year anniversary of my working with the church of Christ here in Baker. I have traveled to many places in the world, and I can say that the Christians here are some of the best people in the entire world. My family and I are blessed to be here and have been thankful to be here since the day we arrived. These seven years have really flown by quickly.

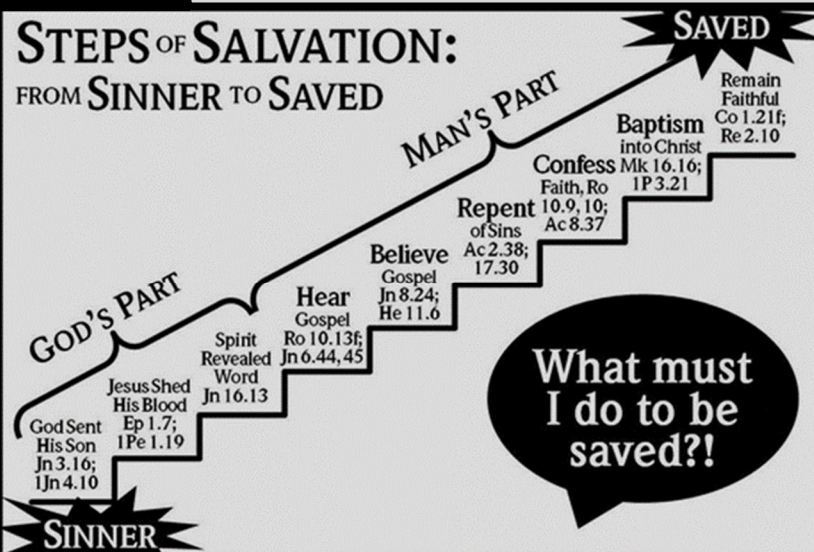
Please continue to pray for the *Twin States Bible School* in India directed by Vandan Kumar (although he is too humble to accept any title such as "Director") and overseen by the Miyapur congregation, with whom brother Kumar labors and worships. Much good is being done there, with non-Christians being converted and Christians growing in knowledge and strength.

Also remember brother Shahid, his family, and other Christians in Pakistan. Similar to what we do in India, brother Shahid translates a weekly class on Tuesdays, and he also translates sound articles into Urdu. He is doing the work of an evangelist in the midst of a place of great persecution, and we appreciate his efforts.

Also remember brother Eti Paul Zephaniah in Cameroon, Africa, who is also evangelizing and housing many refugees who have fled from political turmoil and fighting in their region.

## 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).

# Cold, Hard Facts for Warm, Tender Hearts

Jason Patrick Hilburn

- God hates abortion (Prov. 6:16-17).
- Babies are not born lost in sin or totally depraved—they are pure and will be in Heaven if they die or are murdered (2 Sam. 12:23; Ezek. 18:20; 28:15; Mt. 18:3; 19:14).
- God must come before family (Mt. 10:34-39).
- God loves homosexuals, but hates homosexuality (Jn. 3:16; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Jude 7; Heb. 1:9).
- A marriage is only for an eligible man and an eligible woman (Mt. 19:3-9).
- A couple joined by God in marriage may only divorce for one reason—fornication (the spouse not guilty of fornication may put away the adulterer—Mt. 5:32; 19:3-12).
- God is both good and severe (Rom. 11:22). “*God is love*” (1 Jn. 4:8); and “*God is a consuming fire*” (Heb. 12:28-29; cf. 10:31).
- Hell is just as real and enduring as Heaven (Mt. 25:41, 46).
- We do not “have to” sin; we have a choice, for which we will be held accountable (Rom. 6:23; 1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Cor. 5:10; Jam. 1:12; 1 Pet. 1:15-16; 1 Jn. 2:1-6).
- If we say we know God and live in disobedience to Him, John said we are lying (1 Jn. 1:6; 2:3-4; 5:3).
- Refusing to faithfully assemble and worship God when able will cause a child of God to miss Heaven (Jn. 4:24; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23-34; 16:2; Eph. 5:19-20; Heb. 10:23-31).
- If we show support for false teachers or false religions, we are partakers of their guilt (2 Jn. 10-11).
- Christ only built one church, and it still exists today (Dan. 2:44; Mt. 16:18-19,28; Eph. 4:4; 5:23).
- The concept of denominationalism (man-made religious divisions) is against God’s will, and is therefore sinful (Jn. 17:17-23; Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 1:10-13; 1 Jn. 3:4).
- If one simply follows the Bible, he cannot be in a denomination (Mt. 16:18; Acts

2:38-41,47; Rom. 16:16).

- Women are commanded by God to submit to their husbands (Gen. 3:16; 1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 5:22-24, 33; Col. 3:18; 1 Pet. 3:1-6).
- Husbands are commanded to love their wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it (Eph. 5:25; Col. 3:19).
- Women have their own role in the church, but are not allowed to take leadership or teach/preach over men (1 Cor. 14:34-35; 1 Tim. 2:8-15; 3:1-12; Titus 1:6).
- A saved child of God can fall from grace (Gal. 5:4; Heb. 3:1,12; 4:1,11; 10:23-31; 2 Pet. 2:20-22; Rev. 22:19).
- Men must obey the law of their civil government, unless obeying a civil law will cause one to violate divine law (Acts 4:19; 5:29; Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:13-15).
- Sound doctrine is essential for becoming saved and staying saved (Jn. 8:31-32; Gal. 1:6-9; 1 Tim. 4:16; 2 Tim. 2:15-18).
- We cannot earn it, but we have responsibility towards our own salvation (Acts 2:38-41; Rom. 6:16-18; Php. 2:12; 1 Pet. 1:22; 2 Pet. 1:10; Heb. 5:9; 1 Jn. 1:6-9).
- In the Bible, there is no such thing as “the sinner’s prayer” for an alien sinner to become a saved child of God under the New Covenant—prayer passages have been taken out of context to support a relatively new man-made doctrine.
- The phrase “*faith only*” is only found once in the Bible: “*Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only*” (James 2:24; cf. Acts 10:35).
- Water baptism requires immersion (Jn. 3:23; Acts 8:38; Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12).
- Water baptism is not for infants, who are sinless—it requires accountable sinners able to understand/believe the Gospel, repent, and confess Christ (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 8:36-37).
- Jesus said water baptism is essential for salvation (Jn. 3:5; Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16).
- Paul said water baptism is essential (Rom. 6:3-5; Gal. 3:27; Eph. 5:26; Col. 2:11-13; cf. Acts 22:16).
- Peter said water baptism is essential (Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:20-21).
- Baptism alone is no more valid than faith alone (Acts 8:12-24; James 2:14-26).
- In fact, nothing “alone” saves, because there are several things and beings involved, with God being the one who made it all possible through His Son (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8-10; 1 Jn. 2:1-2; 4:9, 10).

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