

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Jennifer Derrick—UAB April 1st
- ◆ Wilfred Derrick—home, but still has health problems, kidney problems
- ◆ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ◆ Caleb Simpler—traveling

Others in Need

- ◆ Mrs. Brown, Johnny's friend—fell
- ◆ Danny Davis—back surgery set for 3/26 at UAB
- ◆ Hailey Haas—health problems
- ◆ Dawn Holloway—improving
- ◆ Lynn Johnson passed away
- ◆ Tony Jones—Parkinson's
- ◆ Kyla, Denise's daughter—pregnancy complications
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ◆ Allie O'Rourke—head injury recov.
- ◆ Thomas Patterson—health issues
- ◆ Shane Price—cancer
- ◆ Jason Rickmon—cancer, chemo
- ◆ Larry Shapple—hospice care

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- ◆ Yoel Urra—improving
- ◆ 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.

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

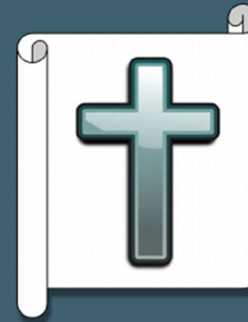
Events



March 28
 4th Wednesday Singing

May 5-9
 Our Gospel Meeting with Jared Knoll

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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Life With a PURPOSE

J. Noel Merideth

Our life upon this earth is of few days and full of trouble. Some days are the best of times; some days are the worst of times. There are moments that look like the spring of hope; others look like the winter of despair. Through it all we need to live a life with purpose and meaning. We all seek happiness as the world lashes about us.

SOMETHING TO DO

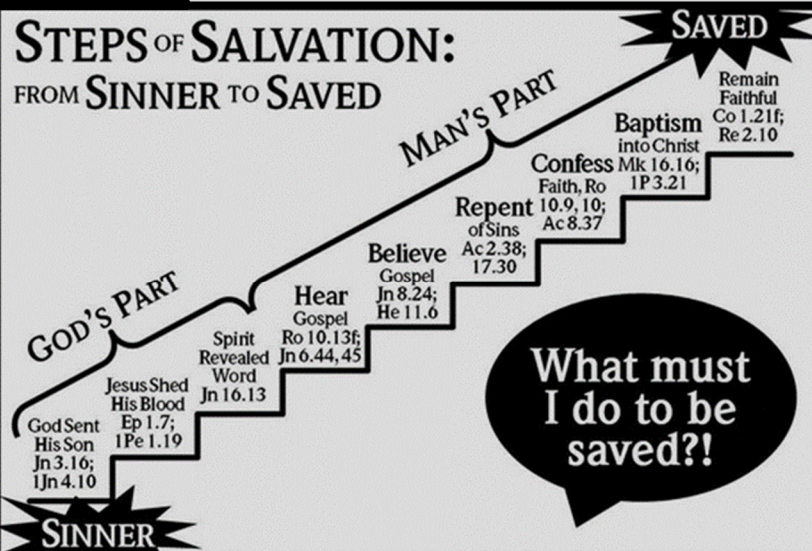
Paul wrote, "...this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14). Paul says he was pressing toward the mark. He was pressing on with contentment. He had learned in whatsoever state he was in to be content (Phil. 4:11). To be happy in life we all need something to do; we need a mission to fill. Let us stand for the right and not lose sight of our duty to serve the Lord, do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

SOMEONE TO LOVE

"We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). It brings happiness to love God. We are to love the Lord with all our heart. He first loved us and we should return our love.

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).

We also need our family and friends to love. To visit with friends and enjoy good times together brings sunshine into our days.

SOMETHING TO HOPE FOR

“In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began” (Titus 1:2). The hope of heaven keeps us going through sickness, pain, disappointment, suffering and hardship. In fact, these present sufferings are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed. God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes; and there shall be no more death, sorrow, crying, nor pain. On that fair shore we shall serve the Lord with perfect bliss. There we shall be with and know our loved ones whom we have known in life (1 Thess. 2:19).

“Mad” At the Preaching of the Truth

Jerry Joseph

God has specified what every faithful gospel preacher must proclaim. “Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine” (2 Timothy 4:2). We cannot pervert, modify, alter God’s Word in any form (Galatians 1:6-9; 2 Peter 3:16; Revelation 22:18-19). We must declare the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:20, 27).

When the Truth is preached some become angry and mad. In Acts 7:51-60, some became so mad at Stephen’s preaching that they stoned him to death. Others became so angry with the truth that they began to make false accusations against the proclaimer, as with Jesus (Matthew 11:19; John 10:20) and Paul (Acts 26:24).

Why do some become angry and mad when the truth is preached? Some, when they hear the Truth proclaimed become mad because . . .

◆ They have heard what they NEED, not necessarily what they want. There are some who are like those in Isaiah’s days who say, “Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things” (Isaiah 30:10). Some want their ears tickled with fables and foolishness (2 Timothy 4:3-4). Too many people want

to hear what pleases them rather than what God demands that must be preached.

◆ They have heard NEGATIVE preaching. It is amazing how some believe that there is no place for negative preaching. Just preach positive lessons is the demand that some make. Such is evident that one does not understand God-pleasing preaching. In 2 Timothy 4:2-4, Paul declared that in the preaching of the Word there is to “reproving” and “rebuking” (that’s negative) as well as “exhorting.” There must be the preaching of both the positive and the negative.

◆ They have heard NAMES called or mentioned. Is it wrong to identify those who are making havoc of the Truth? Is it wrong to identify false teachers? The answer is No. How can one do what Paul said must be done in Romans 16:17-18, pertaining to “marking” and “avoiding” without first identifying the person? Paul mentioned some by name who had sinned in 2 Timothy 2:17-18 and 2 Timothy 4:14-15. Was Paul wrong for doing so? Certainly not! Today, some do become angry and mad because a false teacher is condemned publicly by name, but they will not say one thing when that same false teacher will publicly proclaim his false doctrine and lead others astray causing them to lose their souls. Indeed, isn’t that strange? Such is a demonstration of the wrong attitudes toward God, His Word, and the Church.

We must not become MAD with the MESSAGE nor MESSENGER of Truth.

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry (2 Timothy 4:1-5).