

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Wilfred Derrick—health problems
- ◆ Jeff Mashburn—health problems

Others in Need

- ◆ Danny Davis—back pain
- ◆ Joyce Faulk—health problems
- ◆ Hailey Haas—health problems
- ◆ Dawn Holloway—health problems
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Yoel Urra—improving
- ◆ Craig Wray—cancer
- ◆ Pray for Christians overseas, such as those facing persecution in Pakistan and certain parts of India.

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◆ Pray for peace, pray for the bereaved, the persecuted, sick/suffering, civil leaders, military, 1st responders, sound Bible schools, the lost, enemies.

Events



May 12

Men's Meeting

May 26-28

Milestone Gospel Meeting

June 1

Ladies Day at Union Hill

June 2-5

Sasser Gospel 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

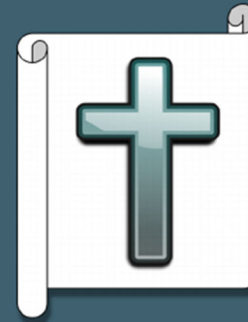


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



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



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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 had an excellent series of sermons from Jared Knoll on *How We Know the Bible is From God*. The information was very helpful for understanding the transmission and translation process that has resulted in the translations existing today and whether or not we can trust those translations. Overall we had great attendance and visitors from many places. We're also very thankful to God that we are safe after a tornado hit our area early Friday morning.

"All a Christian Needs to Do is 'Go to Church'?"

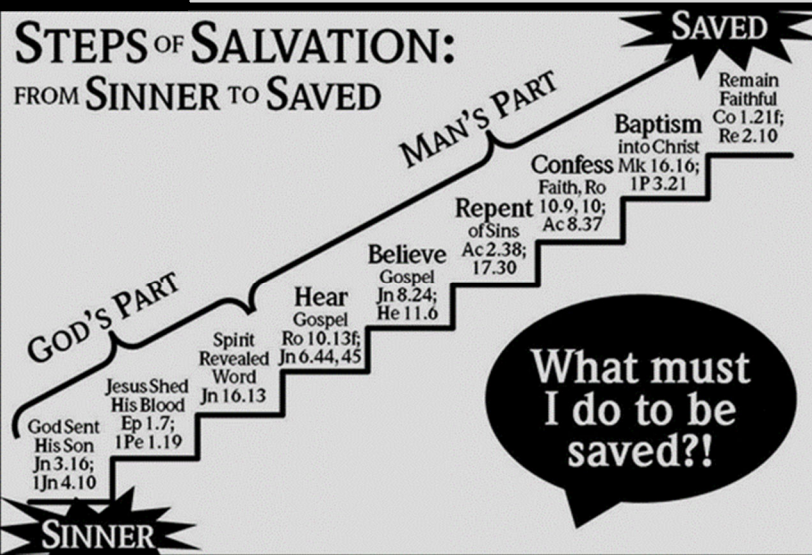
Chad Dollahite

People often tend toward extremes. One extreme is minimizing the importance of the Lord's church, often with statements like, "I have a relationship with the Lord, but I don't do church," or, "I am a Christian, but I opted out of organized religion." This concept itself is a deadly way of thinking, but as one of my former Bible instructors sometimes would say to his students, "The pendulum swings," and the other extreme is the idea that all a Christian needs to do to please God and go to heaven is "go to church." This deadly doctrine is the subject of this article.

God expects His people to attend worship and Bible study services of the church. It should first be observed that the extreme view of not attending or being involved with the church faithfully is a false concept and without biblical support. The church is the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-

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).

23), and what is done to the church is done to Jesus (Acts 9:4). So, it is impossible to be a Christian and not be interested in and involved with the church, the very body of Christ. It is not possible to have a relationship with the Lord apart from His body. The Lord Himself adds Christians to the church upon their obedience to the gospel plan of salvation (Acts 2:47). Realizing the church was “purchased with His own blood” (Acts 20:28), how can we not take an intense interest in something so valuable and important to our Lord? Thus, let it be clear: this article in no way minimizes the importance of a Christian’s attendance at worship and Bible study.

While being present at the services of the church is vitally important, such is not all that is involved in being a faithful Christian. It has been said (and rightly so), “Sitting in a church building does not make a person a Christian any more than sitting in a chicken house makes a person a chicken.” It is a fact that a person may show up at the building and be present physically, but be spiritually far from God. In Jesus’ Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), the older son was “lost at home.” Though never having left home, the older son is clearly demonstrated to be very much outside the father’s will.

Humans sometimes fall into a “checklist mentality,” seeking to “check off” various items/acts in order to be pleasing to God. The Judaizers of the first century often had this mentality, which Paul countered with statements like, “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation” (Galatians 6:15). In other words, being a Christian means being a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17), and that means every aspect of life is permeated by Jesus’ example and the teaching of Scripture.

Some of Jesus’ strongest words of rebuke were directed at the Pharisees, who were professionals at “checklist religion.” The Pharisees never would have willingly missed a synagogue service, but their religion was all a show, as Jesus pointed out in a series of severe rebukes recorded in Matthew 23. Of particular note is how the Pharisees and scribes were meticulous to pay tithes even of insignificant herbs, yet they neglected such substantial matters as justice, mercy, and faith. Jesus’ words remind us they were not wrong to do so, but their “picking and choosing” with God’s commandments was unacceptable – “These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone” (Matthew 23:23). Without faithful living, worship is simply vain (Matthew 15:8-9).

God’s plan for Christians is not just “showing up” for worship and Bible

study. God’s plan is for Christians to be present at worship and to worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). God wants Christians to attend Bible study and to be engaged in heart and mind, making personal application to their own lives (Psalm 119:11). But, God also desires—yea, commands—Christians to study the Bible on their own (2 Timothy 2:15), growing “in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). God wants His children striving to help others who are in need (Matthew 25:31-46; Galatians 6:10). God tells Christians to be evangelistic, telling others about Jesus and His church (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19,20). Ultimately, God wants Christians growing more and more like Jesus – “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son” (Romans 8:29). The “predestined” of Romans 8:29 is not personal, but speaks of God’s eternal plan that all who are baptized into Christ (all Christians, in other words) will strive daily to be more like God’s Son.

“Going to church,” though a noble and worthy effort, is not all there is to being a Christian. A Christian’s life is a daily effort to crucify self and live for Jesus. Jesus Himself said, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me” (Luke 9:23). Reading the gospel accounts, it is evident that, to Jesus, doing God’s will was never confined to a few hours per week. It was, rather, His very sustenance: “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work” (John 4:34). What about us? — Adapted

Daniel Chapter One:

Determined Not to Be Defiled

I. Mounting the Siege (vv1-2)

II. Moving the Sons (vv3-7)

III. Motivated not to Sin (v8)

IV. Men who were Superior (vv9-21)