

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Jennifer Derrick—blurred vision, headaches
- ◆ Wilfred Derrick—health problems
- ◆ Jeff Mashburn—upcoming surgery

### Others in Need

- ◆ Shannon Burn—surgery recovery
- ◆ Danny Davis—back pain
- ◆ Louise Douglas—health problems
- ◆ Joyce Faulk—health problems
- ◆ Dawn Holloway—at home, IV meds
- ◆ Tony Jones—recent stroke and fall
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ◆ Thomas Patterson—health issues
- ◆ Shane Price—cancer
- ◆ Larry Shappley—hospice care
- ◆ Melanie Skinner—cancer
- ◆ Randall Ward—much better

- ◆ Storm victims in eastern USA, India, and Pakistan

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- ◆ Pray for Christians overseas, such as those facing 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



**October 20**  
*Men's Meeting*

**October 23**  
*4th Wednesday Singing*

## 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—Caleb Howze; Wednesday—David Howze  
**Serving the Lord's Supper**  
 Head: Johnny Moss; Helpers: David Howze, Ethan Howze, Mark Howze  
**Lord's Supper PM**  
 Head: Mark Howze  
 Helper: Ezra Howze  
**Bible Reading:** Braden Hilburn

**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).

# 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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### Website:

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### Radio Program:

104.7FM Sundays 8:30AM  
 WAAZ1047.com livestream

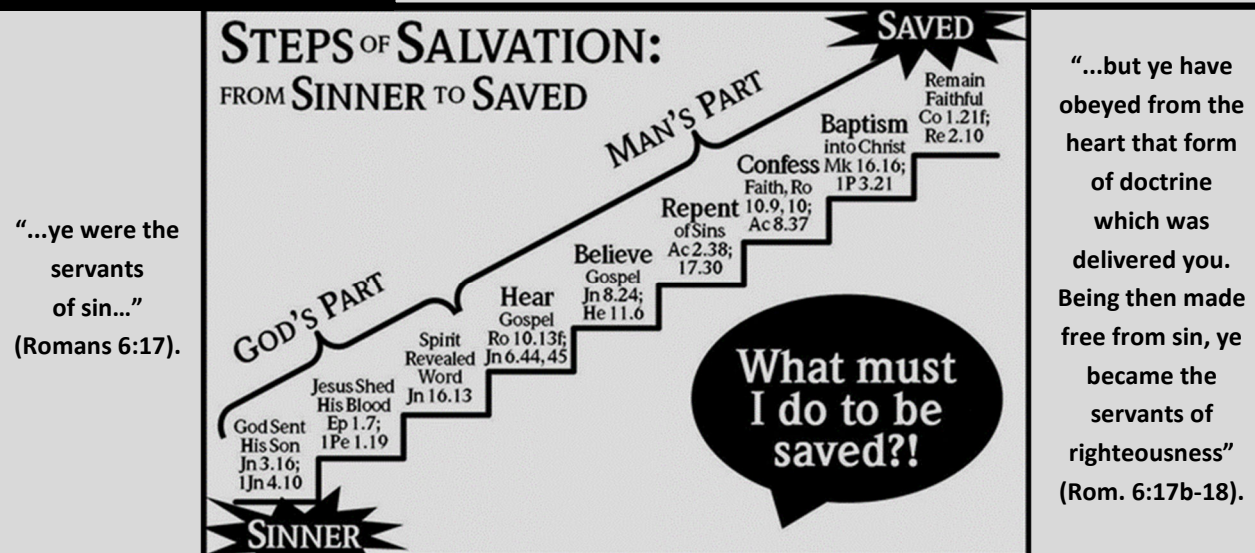
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## But He That is Greatest Among You Shall Be Your Servant

"But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled; and whosoever shall humble himself shall be exalted" (Matthew 23:11-12). I wonder at times if we truly understand what it means to be a servant to others, or for that matter, to be a servant of our Lord Jesus Christ. Is it possible that we sometimes become so enamored with "self importance" that we don't have the time, patience, or interest in being servants to others? So the Lord is providing a valuable lesson to us that "true" greatness is attained when we genuinely humble ourselves to the status of being a servant to all. Our first priority is to be servants of the Lord, and in that capacity there are tremendous opportunities for services to others which we must take advantage of. That is the valuable lesson which Jesus wanted to impress upon his disciples, "And they came to Capernaum: and when he was in the house he asked them, What were ye reasoning on the way? But they held their peace: for they had disputed one with another on the way, who was the greatest. And he sat down, and called the twelve; and he saith unto them, If any man would be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all" (Mark 9:33-35). To consider ourselves as being "last of

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all” or “servant of all” is truly a challenge which we must meet.

The apostle Paul addressed these thoughts to the evangelist Timothy, “And the Lord’s servant must not strive, but be gentle towards all, apt to teach, forbearing, in meekness correcting them that oppose themselves; if peradventure God may give them repentance unto the knowledge of the truth” (2 Timothy 2:24-25). It would probably be most valuable for those who preach the gospel to honestly and objectively look at themselves very carefully to be certain that ego, self enhancement, pride, and possibly even arrogance have not supplanted the “servant” responsibility and privileges of our lives. At times, it seems that some would flaunt their feelings of self importance by acting as if it is their job is to control peoples’ lives and impose their desires and wishes on others. Such conduct is not present in the life of a servant. We are told not to “strive”, but contrariwise be “gentle” towards others, and be equipped to “teach” them in a spirit of “forbearing and meekness.” We must offer instruction for “correction” and assist them in their spiritual growth through the knowledge of God’s Word. There is absolutely no room for “serving self” as the servant is always giving his life to serve others. This application must be made in the life of every Christian as it clearly reflects the “mind of Christ” in us, “Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross.” (Philippians 2:5-8).

There are rewards in being a servant, both in this life and especially in eternal life. “If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will the Father honor” (John 1:26). We must recognize that “true greatness” in the eyes of the Lord will only come as a result of our demonstrating that we are “last of all” and “servant of all.” Our Lord will always stand as the perfect example, “But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Not so shall it be among you: but whosoever would become great

among you shall be your minister; and whosoever would be first among you shall be your servant: even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:25-28).

Are you and I working every day to have the heart of a servant? Do we live to serve or do we seek more to be served? True servants want others to recognize and treat them for what they really are, givers and helpers who truly spread their love through their words and deeds. If we are harboring feelings in which we are literally miserable and unhappy, it might be time that we found the true meaning of being a servant to all. Please give it some sober thought. *- By Dennis Reed, adapted*

## **10 Things for Which Christians Can Pray**

By Jason Patrick Hilburn

Those who believe and obey the Gospel of Christ are blessed to have access to God the Father through His Son (Acts 2:36-42), and they may pray for things such as :

1. Forgiveness (Acts 8:22-24; Jam. 5:16)
2. Daily necessities (Matt. 6:11)
3. Deliverance from evil (Matt. 6:13)
4. Strength, boldness (Eph. 3:14-21; 6:18-19)
5. Opportunities (Col. 4:3; cf. 1 Cor. 16:9)
6. Wisdom (Jam. 1:5)
7. Other Christians (1 Thess. 5:25; Heb. 13:18)
8. Government leaders and all men (1 Tim. 2:1-4)
9. For God’s will to be done (Matt. 6:10)
10. Anything bothering us! (Php. 4:6-7; 1 Pet. 5:7)