

Prayer List



Of Our Number

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

Others in Need

- ◆ Travis Barrow—health problems
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Lauretta Kyser—(Korah N.'s grandmother, in hospital)
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ◆ Thomas Patterson—health issues
- ◆ Shane Price—cancer
- ◆ Larry Shappley—hospice care
- ◆ Melanie Skinner—cancer
- ◆ Storm victims in eastern USA, India, and Pakistan
- ◆ Pray for Christians overseas, such as those facing persecution in

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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 8

Men's Meeting

No fellowship meals in December and January

Our Faith and Fellowship for December has been postponed until February

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

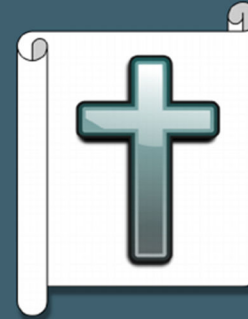
Serving the Lord's Supper

Head: Leo Derrick; Helpers: Johnny Moss, Ezra Howze, Caleb Howze

Lord's Supper PM

Head: Mark Howze
Helper: Caleb Howze

Bible Reading: Braden Hilburn



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Meeting Times

Sundays:

- 10AM Bible Class
- 11AM Worship
- 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

- 7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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If I Refuse to Assemble

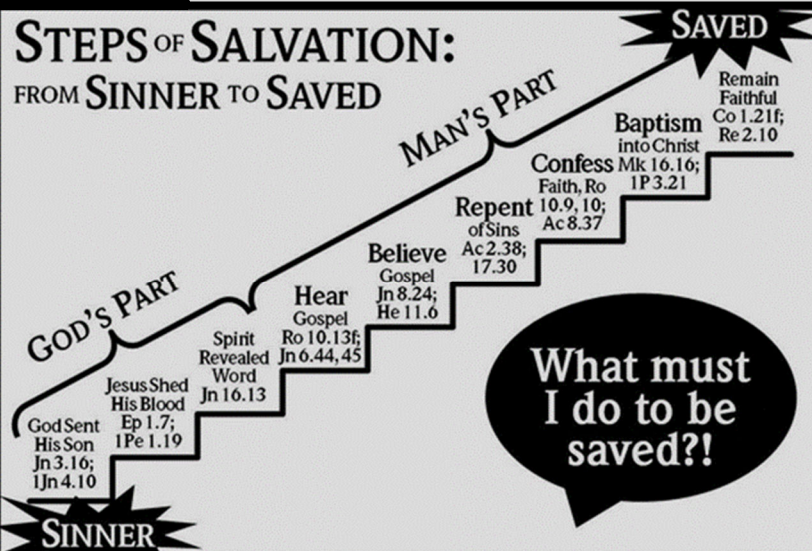
Jason Patrick Hilburn

Faithfully assembling with other members of the Lord's church in one's area is commanded and demanded by God (Heb. 10:23-31; cf. Acts 2:42; 20:6, 7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2, etc.). There are times when Christians are unable to attend, but if I could be there and choose not to attend, I am:

- Denying God the kind of worship He desires and deserves (Psa. 18:3; John 4:23, 24; 1 Cor. 11:17-20, 33; 14:23; Rev. 4:11).
- Disobeying God's command to assemble, thereby disassembling the body of Christ (Heb. 10:25).
- Disobeying God's command to "hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering" (Heb. 10:23).
- Disobeying God's command to encourage other children of God who have assembled (Heb. 10:25).
- Disobeying God's command to provoke others to love (Heb. 10:24).
- Disobeying God's command to provoke others to do good works (Heb. 10:24).
- Disobeying God's command to sing with the other saints

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).

Is the Devil Responsible for Our Sins?

to the Lord (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).

- Disobeying God's command to teach and admonish other saints in song (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).
- Disobeying God's command to give on the first day of every week (1 Cor. 16:1, 2; 2 Cor. 9:7; cf. Luke 21:1-4; 2 Cor. 8, 9).
- Declining to declare the Lord's death in the Lord's Supper on the first day of every week with the local body of Christ (Matt. 26:26, 27; Acts 20:6, 7; 1 Cor. 11:17-20, 24-26, 33; 14:23; cf. 16:2).
- Depriving and weakening the local church by removing my talents, money, and encouragement (Matt. 25:24-30).
- Displaying a sinful example for others to follow (1 Jn. 2:10; cf. Matt. 5:16).
- Discouraging faithful Christians who are trying their best to get to Heaven and bring others with them (Num. 32:6, 7; Gal. 6:1; Heb. 5:9; James 5:19, 20).
- Displaying an attitude of ingratitude (Matt. 26:28; Luke 17:11-18; Col. 3:15).
- Displaying a lack of love for God (Matt. 22:37; 1 Jn. 2:3-6, 15-17; 5:3).
- Displaying a lack of love for others (Matt. 22:39; John 13:34, 35; Php. 2:1-4; 1 Jn. 2:9).
- Depriving myself of the best opportunities for spiritual growth (Matt. 5:6; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 3:1, 2; Eph. 4:14, 15; 2 Tim. 2:2; Heb. 5:12-14; 1 Pet. 2:2, 3; 2 Pet. 1:5-13; 3:15-18).
- Depriving myself of invaluable encouragement and support (Gal. 6:2, 10; 1 Thess. 5:11; Heb. 10:23-25).
- Depriving myself of Heaven and eternal happiness! (Heb. 10:25-31; Rev. 2:10).

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Satan desires one thing, which is the spiritual demise of all humanity. He wants every soul to end up in hell with him (Mat. 25:41). Satan accomplishes his mission by getting people to live their lives in sin. Satan "entered in" Judas and caused him to betray the Lord (Jn. 13:27; 18:1-5). Satan "filled" Ananias' heart to lie to the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3). Satan "deceived" Eve to disobey the Lord (1 Tim. 2:14; Gen. 3:1-6). Jesus told Peter that "Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not" (Lk. 22:31-32). The devil is always busy trying to "devour" people with sin (1 Pet. 5:8; 1 Jn. 3:8; Jn. 8:44; 2 Cor. 2:11). So when we sin, is the devil responsible for our transgressions because he caused us to do it?

The devil does tempt us to sin. He even tried to tempt Jesus to sin (Mat. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13). However, if the devil is responsible for our sins, then why will we one day be held accountable for them (2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:12; Jn. 5:28-29; Rev 20:11-12)? It is because the devil cannot "make" us do anything. He only plays a part in our sin by dangling the carrot. James said, "Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin..." (1:14-15). The devil only tempts, and it is we who either resist or transgress. This is why God "will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). We have the ability through Christ (Eph. 6:1); (Phil. 4:13) and the responsibility as Christians to "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (Jam. 4:7). After resisting, the devil leaves "for a season" (a while, but never for good) (Lk. 4:13). Nevertheless, we have "endured" that temptation to sin (Jas. 1:12). Furthermore, with every temptation we are given all the help necessary to withstand the devil; as God will not allow any temptation beyond our individual power to resist, and also gives each and every one of us a faithful way out (1 Cor 10:13).

So when we give in to sin, it is our fault!

—Richard Stevens

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him" (James 1:12).