

Prayer List



Of Our Number

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

Others in Need

- ♦ Travis Barrow—rare cancer
- ♦ Patsy Benson—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Shannon Burn—another surgery
- ♦ Danny Davis—back pain
- ♦ Louise Douglas—health problems
- ♦ Joyce Faulk—health problems
- ♦ Daniel Foxworth's father—health
- ♦ Jennifer Foxworth—health problems
- ♦ Howard & Elizabeth Grace—health
- ♦ Dawn Holloway—health problems
- ♦ Tony Jones—recent stroke and fall
- ♦ Kari Miles—expecting
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Thomas Patterson—health issues
- ♦ Shane Price—cancer
- ♦ Larry Shappley—hospice care
- ♦ Melanie Skinner—cancer

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- ♦ Randal W.'s grandson CJ—sick
- ♦ Ron Yusnukis—surgery recovery
- ♦ 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, the lost, enemies.
- ♦ Pray for our evangelistic efforts

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).

Events



February 21

Faith and Fellowship
(No fellowship meal in March)

February 26

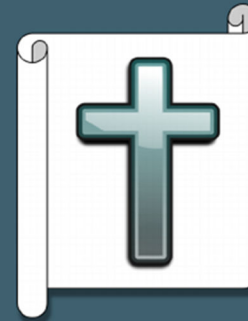
Fourth Wednesday Singing

Privileged to Serve



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

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

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Beware of "Translations" Such as the New Living Translation

There is danger in some "translations" of the Bible. Here is a snippet of the NLT about the qualifications of elders. Notice the casual wording of "church leaders" instead of elder, bishop, pastor, etc. then notice that a "church leader" can be an alcoholic as long as he isn't a heavy drinker - verse 3 (cf "not given to wine" most versions). Also he must be faithful to his wife - which wife? What if he has been divorced and remarried ten times?

If you are using the NLT it would be wise to put that pup on a shelf somewhere and get a more literal translation. No wonder there is so much confusion in the world and in the church.

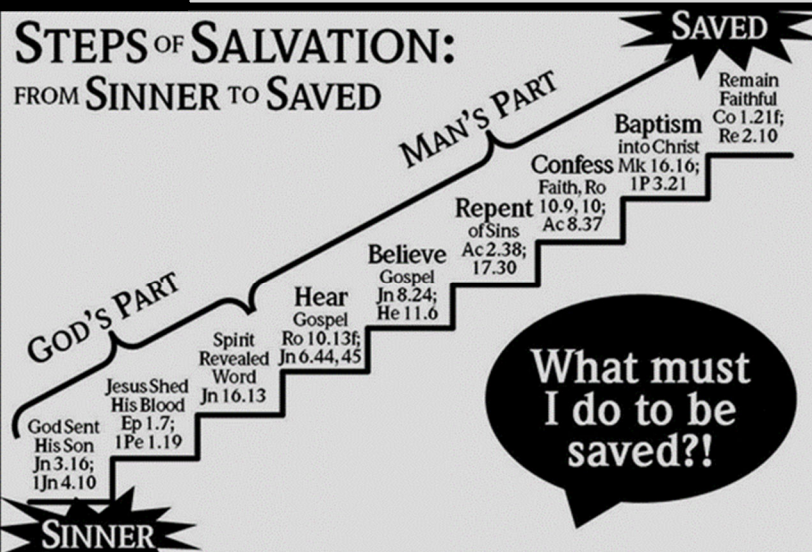
1 Timothy 3 (NLT)

This is a trustworthy saying: "If someone aspires to be a church leader,[a] he desires an honorable position." 2 So a church leader must be a man whose life is above reproach. He must be faithful to his wife.[b] He must exercise self-control, live wisely, and have a good reputation. He must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must be able to teach. 3 He must not be a heavy drinker[c] or be violent. He must be gentle, not quarrelsome, and not love money. 4 He must manage his own family well, having children who respect and obey him. 5 For if a man cannot manage his own household, how can he take care of God's church? 6 A church leader must not be a new believer, because he might become proud, and the devil would cause him to fall.[d] 7 Also, people outside the church must speak well of him so that he will not be disgraced and fall into the devil's trap.

—Article by Joey Ferrell

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).

What A.I. Says About Pentecostal Churches

(Part 1 of 2) By Jason Patrick Hilburn

An Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) chatbot allows people to ask it questions of practically any kind, and it “works by processing large amounts of text data and using patterns in that data to generate responses that are relevant and coherent” (chatgpt.com). The most widely used chatbot is called ChatGPT: “As of September 2024, ChatGPT is the most popular AI tool in the world. The AI chatbot receives 3.1 billion monthly website visits from over 180 million users” (explodingtopics.com). ChatGPT was also ranked the “Best Overall” A.I. chatbot of 2024 by multiple sources, including tomguide.com. This writer asked ChatGPT about modern Pentecostal churches, and it had much to say. The formatting and wording of its answers have not been altered.

Question: What are differences between modern Pentecostal churches and the churches of Christ that existed in the first century A.D.?

ChatGPT said: Modern **Pentecostal churches** and the **churches of Christ in the first century A.D.** differ in significant ways, particularly in **worship practices, spiritual gifts, baptism, salvation, and church organization**. Here’s a comparison based on biblical adherence:

1. Authority of Scripture

- **First-Century Church:** Followed the inspired teachings of the **apostles and prophets**, which were later recorded in the **New Testament** (Acts 2:42; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). No additional revelations beyond those given by Christ and His apostles.
- **Pentecostal Churches:** Believe in **continuing revelation**, often emphasizing **prophecies, visions, and modern-day apostles**. Some claim to receive **direct messages from the Holy Spirit** beyond the Bible.
- **Key Difference:** The **early church relied on apostolic teaching**, while Pentecostals often claim **extra-biblical revelations**, which contradict the Bible’s teaching that revelation is **complete** (Jude 3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

2. Miraculous Gifts & Speaking in Tongues

- **First-Century Church:** Miraculous gifts, including **speaking in tongues, prophecy, and healing**, were given by the Holy Spirit through the laying on of the **apostles’ hands** (Acts 8:17; Acts 19:6). These **ceased** after the apostles died and the New Testament was completed (1 Corinthians 13:8-10).
- **Pentecostal Churches:** Teach that **miraculous gifts still exist today**, including speaking in **unintelligible tongues** (ecstatic speech), divine healing, and prophecy. Many claim to

receive **direct messages from the Holy Spirit**.

- **Key Difference:** In the first-century church, **tongues were real languages** (Acts 2:4-11), while modern Pentecostal “tongues” are often **gibberish with no linguistic meaning**. Also, the **Bible teaches that miraculous gifts ceased** (1 Corinthians 13:8-10), but Pentecostals claim they continue.

3. Baptism & Salvation

- **First-Century Church:** Taught **baptism by immersion for the remission of sins** (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Acts 22:16). Baptism was **essential for salvation**.
- **Pentecostal Churches:** Most teach baptism but do not consider it **necessary for salvation**. Many emphasize **Holy Spirit baptism** as a separate experience from water baptism. Some Pentecostals practice **sprinkling** instead of immersion.
- **Key Difference:** The **first-century church required water baptism for salvation**, while Pentecostals often focus on **Holy Spirit baptism and emotional experiences** instead.

4. Worship Practices

- **First-Century Church:** Worship included **prayer, teaching, a cappella singing, weekly Lord’s Supper, and giving** (Acts 2:42; Acts 20:7; Colossians 3:16).
- **Pentecostal Churches:** Use **instrumental music, emotional worship, spontaneous speaking in tongues, and healing services**. Many emphasize **dramatic spiritual experiences** over biblical teaching.
- **Key Difference:** The **early church worshiped in an orderly way** (1 Corinthians 14:40), while Pentecostal services are often **chaotic, emotional, and focused on experiences rather than biblical doctrine**.

5. Church Organization

- **First-Century Church:** Each congregation was **independent**, led by a **plurality of elders (bishops) and deacons** (Titus 1:5-9; Philippians 1:1). No **denominational hierarchy** or centralized leadership.
- **Pentecostal Churches:** Many have **modern apostles, prophets, and pastors** leading their churches. Some Pentecostal groups have **denominational structures**, such as the **Assemblies of God** and **Church of God**.
- **Key Difference:** The **first-century church had elders in each congregation**, while Pentecostals often have **one-man leadership (pastors) or self-proclaimed apostles**.

...To be continued next week, if God wills. Full article on <http://www.JasonsBibleBlog.com>