


Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Jennifer Derrick—health problems
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—undergoing tests
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ♦ Ann Moss—neck pain
- ♦ Johnny Moss—surgery recovery


Others in Need

- ♦ Travis Barrow—rare condition
- ♦ Patsy Benson—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Shannon Burn—another surgery
- ♦ Louise Douglas—health problems
- ♦ Joyce Faulk—health problems
- ♦ Jennifer Foxworth-health problems
- ♦ Curtis Grady—severe burns
- ♦ Howard & Elizabeth Grace—health
- ♦ Dawn Holloway—critical, ICU
- ♦ Andy Johnson—home, pneumonia
- ♦ Tony Jones—health problems
- ♦ Kari Miles—expecting
- ♦ Harold Morris—Milton hospital
- ♦ Shane Price—cancer
- ♦ Randal W.'s grandson CJ—sick

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- ♦ 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 and for more opportunities.

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



If the Lord wills...

April 23
4th Wednesday Singing

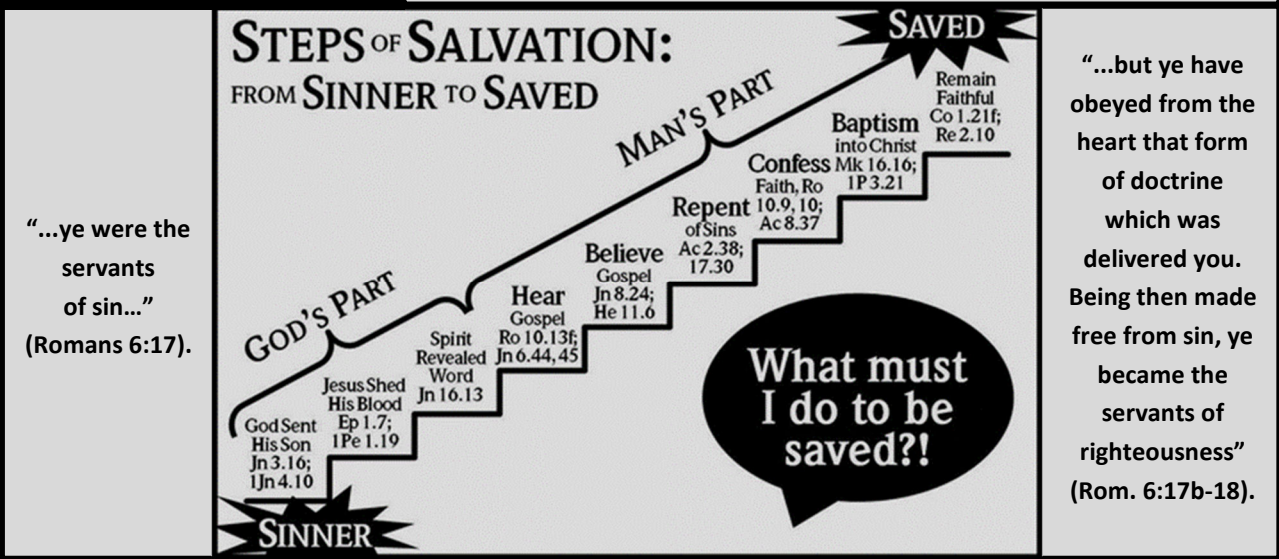
May 4-7
Our Gospel Meeting with Gilbert Gough.
Sunday: 10AM, 11AM, 2PM.
Monday-Wednesday: 7PM.

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

Other Information

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Regarding Easter

Jason Patrick Hilburn

There is no evidence that Christians in the first century A.D. celebrated anything called “Easter.” The word “Easter” in Acts 12:4 (KJV) is an unfortunate translation of the Greek word *pascha*, which always refers to the Jewish Passover. Every other time *pascha* appears in the New Testament—including earlier in the same chapter (Acts 12:3)—it is rightly translated as “Passover.”

Though many today celebrate Easter as the day Jesus was resurrected, Passover was not the day of His resurrection, but the night and day He was slain (the Jewish day began at evening and lasted until the next evening; Gen. 1:5; Matt. 26:17–ff). Furthermore, it was not the early Christians celebrating the Passover in Acts 12, but the enemies of Christianity—Herod and the Jews who were killing Christians (Acts 12:1–4). The holiday in Acts 12 translated as “Easter” would have involved the Jews slaying a lamb *after* Christ was slain on the cross, which at that point would have been a blasphemous rejection of Christ, the Lamb of God, as the ultimate and final sacrifice (1 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 10:8–18).

In the second century A.D., uninspired men introduced a yearly observance of Christ's death and resurrection near

the time of Passover. By the sixth century, Catholicism had added unscriptural and even pagan traditions, eventually forming what we now call *Easter*.

Some argue that Easter eggs are not related to paganism, but came from Catholic customs surrounding Lent. However, eggs were fertility symbols long before Christianity—in Babylonian, Egyptian, and Persian cultures. Rabbits also symbolized reproduction and were never associated with Christ in the Scriptures. Even if someone claims to “reinvent” these symbols for Jesus, it still runs the risk of blending the holy with the profane if used in a religious context (1 Cor. 10:20; 2 Cor. 6:14–17; cf. Lev. 10:10).

The English word *Easter* is commonly traced to a pagan fertility goddess—known by names like Ishtar, Ashtoreth, Astarte, Ostara, and Eostre. The Bible records Solomon worshiping a goddess named Ashtoreth (also known as the Babylonian goddess Ishtar, the female counterpart of Baal) roughly one thousand years before the resurrection of Christ (1 Kings 11:5, 33; 2 Kings 23:13). “*The Venerable*” Bede, a historian from the 8th-century A.D., stated that the month of April (called “Eosturmonath”) was named after *Eostre*, whom he described as a fertility goddess honored in springtime festivals. Though some debate the connection between Easter and these pagan goddesses, the similarities are too strong to simply dismiss. What are the odds that all these goddesses—each with nearly identical names, each associated with fertility and spring—are unrelated? They are far more likely cultural versions of the same false deity. Just as Baal had many names, so did this fertility goddess.

There is some debate about the origins of the name “Easter,” but no matter what it is called, there is no Scriptural evidence that the first-century church observed it as a religious holiday. If the name is truly derived from a pagan goddess, then whenever someone says “Easter,” he is saying the name of a false goddess that should have been forsaken and forgotten a long time ago (Hos. 2:17; cf. Ex. 23:13; Deut. 12:3; Josh. 23:7). Instead, let us always remember our Lord in the way He desires and follow the Biblical pattern of communion on the first day of every week (Acts 2:42; 20:6–7; 1 Cor. 11:20; cf. 16:2; 2 Thess. 2:15).

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INVITES EVERYONE TO OUR
68TH HOMECOMING

MAY 4-7, 2025

with guest speaker:

**Gilbert
Gough**



Meeting Times:

**Sunday 10am 11am & 2pm
Monday - Wednesday 7pm**

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