

Prayer List

Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
 - ♦ Jennifer Derrick—health problems
 - ♦ Wilfred Derrick—undergoing tests
 - ♦ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
 - ♦ Johnny Moss—surgery recovery
- Others in Need**
- ♦ Travis Barrow—rare condition
 - ♦ Patsy Benson—stage 4 cancer
 - ♦ Charles Compton-gall bladder surg.
 - ♦ Rhonda Compton-health problems
 - ♦ Louise Douglas—health problems
 - ♦ Joyce Faulk—health problems
 - ♦ Jennifer Foxworth-health problems
 - ♦ Curtis Grady—severe burns
 - ♦ Howard & Elizabeth Grace—health
 - ♦ Tony Jones—health problems
 - ♦ Kari Miles—expecting
 - ♦ Harold Morris—Milton hospital
 - ♦ Randal W.'s grandson CJ—sick
 - ♦ Hazel White passed away May 2
 - ♦ Kenneth Wicker—cancer, hospice
 - ♦ Ron Yusnukis—surgery recovery

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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, the lost, enemies.
- ♦ Pray for our evangelistic efforts and for more opportunities.

Events

- If the Lord wills...**
- May 4-7**
Our Gospel Meeting with Gilbert Gough.
Sunday: 10AM, 11AM, 2PM.
Monday-Wednesday: 7PM.
- May 10**
Men's Leadership Breakfast

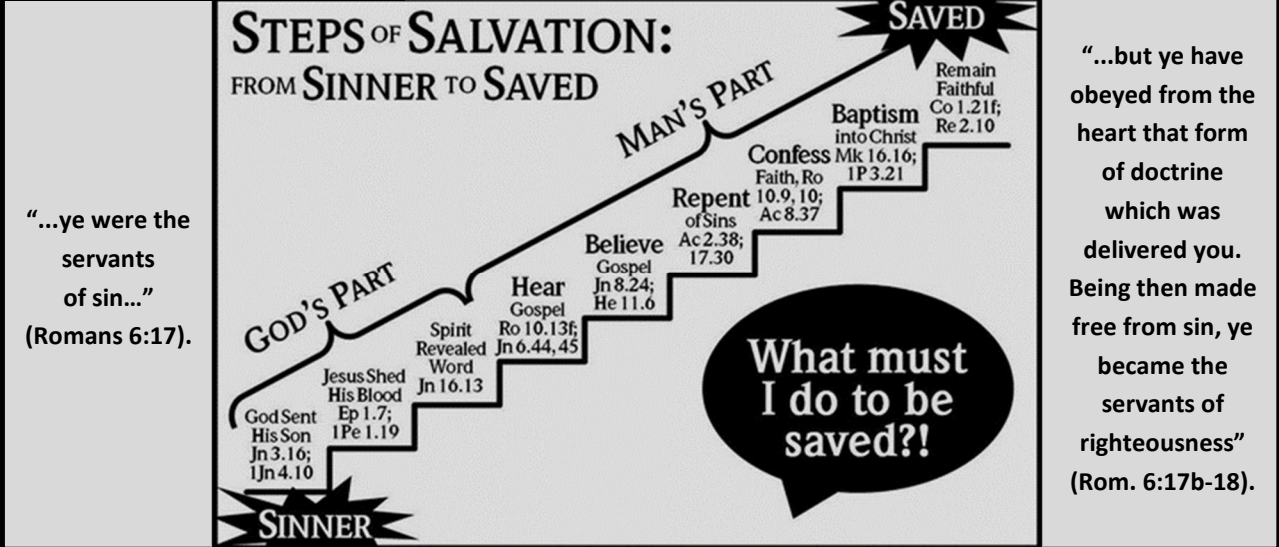
Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** 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—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



THE BAKER BULLETIN

The weekly bulletin of The church of Christ in Baker, FL

May 4, 2025

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 are very excited to have brother Gilbert Gough preaching the Word of God this week! Brother Gough has been preaching God's Word for 53 years, and 22 of those years have been with the congregation he is still working with—the Mt. Zion church of Christ in Savannah, Tennessee. He and his wife Sherri have been married 50 years, and they have two married daughters and four grandchildren. Brother Gough's father was a valiant defender of the faith who passed away in 2001, and his mother is still a faithful member of the Lord's church in Corinth, Mississippi. May God be glorified this week, with tender hearts pricked and faithful souls strengthened by God's powerful Word.

Secondhand Religion

Jason Patrick Hilburn

How many people rely on the "faith of their fathers" to [hopefully] get them to Heaven, without ever really seeking the Truth on their own? So many are reared under so many different beliefs. These opposing religions cannot all be right, yet how many truly objectively question what they have been taught their whole lives and honestly seek the Truth? (Prov.

8:17; Acts 17:27; Heb. 11:6). The sad fact is that most Dads and Moms in the world are wrong when it comes to matters of faith (Matt. 7:13-14). When it comes down to it, who would want to risk his eternal destiny by simply relying on “what Mom said”? (Matt. 16:26). What if Mom was wrong? Is it possible to be sincere, but wrong at the same time? *“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; But the end thereof are the ways of death”* (Prov. 14:12). If you are about to breathe your last breath, will it be any comfort to say to yourself, “I hope Mom was right”?

We cannot go to Heaven on someone else’s beliefs. We must study and arrive at our own convictions. We must have a firsthand faith, originating with God’s rightly divided Word, which we truly believe and by which we are willing to live (John 6:45; Matt. 4:4; 10:38, 39; Rom. 10:17; 2 Tim. 2:15). That *“pure and undefiled religion”* will only come from God’s Word entering a sincere heart (Rom. 10:17; Luke 8:15; Jam. 1:27). In the book of Acts we read of Paul and Silas making their way to Berea, where the people *“were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so”* (Acts 17:11). These people should be an example to us. Like the Bereans, we should also be willing to investigate what we have been taught to make sure it is correct. Paul instructed the Thessalonians to *“prove [test, JPH] all things; hold fast that which is good”* (1 Thess. 5:21). If what we believe is the Truth, it will still be standing after all the questions and criticisms have been brought forth.

Finally, we are to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30). How can we truly love God in that way if our only reason to do so is because “Dad said we should”? When we really dig into God’s Word, we learn that He first loved us, and the amazing magnitude of that love. *“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins...We love him, because he first loved us”* (1 John 4:10, 19; cf. John 3:16; Rom. 5:8-10; Eph. 3:14-21). We must have a firsthand religion, and if we seek answers in God’s Word with an honest heart, we *“shall know the truth, and the truth shall make [us] free”* (John 8:32).

The church of Christ in Baker

INVITES EVERYONE TO OUR
68TH HOMECOMING

MAY 4-7, 2025

with guest speaker:

**Gilbert
Gough**



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Monday - Wednesday 7pm**

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