

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—health problems
- ♦ Mariah Hilburn—expecting
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ♦ Kari Miles—expecting

Others in Need

- ♦ Travis Barrow—rare condition
- ♦ Patsy Benson—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Charles Compton—cancer
- ♦ Rhonda Compton—health problems
- ♦ Louise Douglas—health problems
- ♦ Joyce Faulk—health problems
- ♦ Jennifer Foxworth—health problems
- ♦ Jamie Goodman—colon cancer
- ♦ Curtis Grady—severe burns
- ♦ Russell Gunter—surgery recovery
- ♦ Howard & Elizabeth Grace—health
- ♦ Tony Jones—health problems
- ♦ Harold Morris—Milton hospital
- ♦ Melanie Skinner—cancer treatments
- ♦ Randal W.'s grandson CJ—sick
- ♦ Kenneth Wicker—cancer, hospice

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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.

Events

If the Lord wills...

- June 25**
4th Wednesday Singing
- July 6**
Meal after AM Worship

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

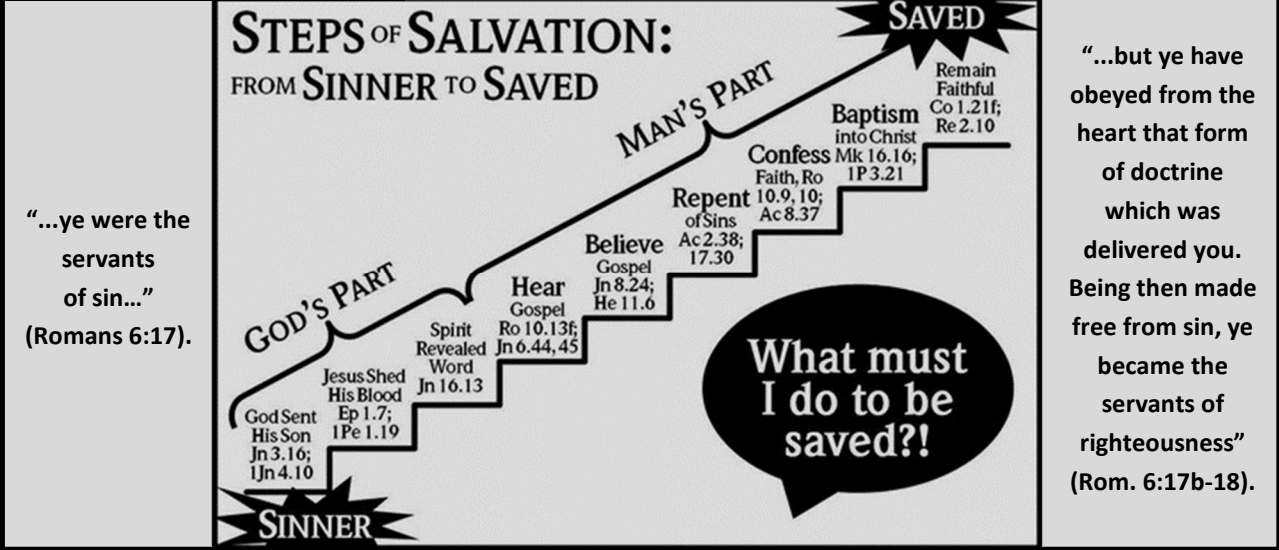


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



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



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Meeting Times

- Sundays:**
10AM Bible Class
11AM Worship
6PM Worship
- Wednesdays:**
7PM Bible Class

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The Truth May Seem Strange at First

Jason Patrick Hilburn

Just because simple New Testament Christianity may seem “strange” to you, that does not mean you should reject it.

When Christ's church first began, it was new and unfamiliar to everybody. It did not match the Jewish traditions or the pagan practices people had followed for centuries. However, when they realized the Truth, they did not let unfamiliarity stop them. They made the necessary changes and became part of it. That is what God expected then, and that is still what He expects today.

If New Testament Christianity seems strange to you, don't dismiss it—investigate it. If you find that it is the Truth (which it is), hold to it with all your being. Be an active part of it, and make it who you are every day—a faithful follower of Christ (Luke 9:23; John 8:31-32; Romans 12:1–2).

Being saved through obedience to the Gospel—believing in Christ, repenting, confessing your belief in Him to men, and being immersed into Christ (Matthew 10:32; Acts 2:36–41, 47; 8:37; 22:16)—is just the beginning. It is the new birth of water and Spirit (John 3:5; 6:63; Romans 6:3–5; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 5:25–26; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:22–23). Faithfulness must follow conversion, which includes regularly assembling

with other New Testament Christians—members of the Lord’s church—and worshiping according to God’s instructions (Matthew 16:18; John 4:23-24; Acts 2:47; 20:28; Romans 16:16–17; Colossians 3:17; Hebrews 10:23–31; Revelation 2:10).

Yes, that first century worship may seem unusual to some, with no instruments and weekly Lord’s Supper—the simple pattern found in God’s Word. However, “God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth” (John 4:23–24; 1 Samuel 15:22). We must worship with the right heart and by the right standard—the New Testament Scriptures. The Old Testament is still there for our learning (Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:11), but Christ’s death ushered in a New Covenant with a New Law and a new system of worship (John 4:19–24; Hebrews 7:12; 9:15–17; 10:8–9).

Don’t let what seems “strange” at first keep you from salvation and worship that pleases God. What may seem unfamiliar in the beginning will become precious when you realize it is the Truth.
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From our recent sermons on “Can Christians Believe in Evolution?”

The Day-Age Theory is False

(the claim that each day of creation could have been eons)

1. The reading of Genesis 1 does not call for eons at all.
2. The way “day” is used in Genesis 1 (“first day...second day”) is always literal in Hebrew unless the context is clearly prophetic or figurative.
3. The word translated as “day” is *yom* (not *olam* or *dor* for eons).
4. Adam lived 930 years (cf. Gen. 5:5; 1:14), and what is a “year”?
5. A “day” is defined as an evening and a morning.
6. Relationships of living things demands normal length days (millions of years of darkness?; yucca moth; pollination).
7. Misuse of 2 Pet. 3:8 – cf. Ex. 20:8–11; Mk. 10:6; Lk. 11:49–51; Rom. 1:20–22

The Gap Theory is False

(the claim that there is a huge gap in time between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2)

1. The reading does not suggest this at all.
2. No justification to translate “was” as “became” in Gen. 1:2 (see any translation).
3. *Bara* and *asah* were used interchangeably by God (Gen. 1:21, 25–27; 2:4; Ex. 20:11; Neh. 9:6; Psa. 148:1–5).
4. It implies sin occurred before Adam and Eve were created (cf. Rom. 5:12).
5. It implies death occurred before Adam and Eve were created (cf. 1 Cor. 15:21–22, 45; Mk. 10:6).
6. Refuted by Exodus 20:8–11; Gen. 1:31; Neh. 9:6; Lk. 11:49–51; Mark 10:6.

Can Christians Believe in “The Big Bang”?

1. It’s incompatible with logic and common sense
2. It’s incompatible with true science
3. It’s incompatible with God’s Word:
 - A. Reading the Bible gives no such idea at all
 - B. The Universe was fully made in six literal days (Ex. 20:8–11)
 - C. The Bible indicates a relatively young creation
 - D. Earth was created FIRST, before Sun and stars
 - E. Adam and Eve existed in the beginning (Mk. 10:6)

“But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female”
—Jesus (Mark 10:6)