

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 8**
Men's Meeting
- June 25**
4th Wednesday Singing

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

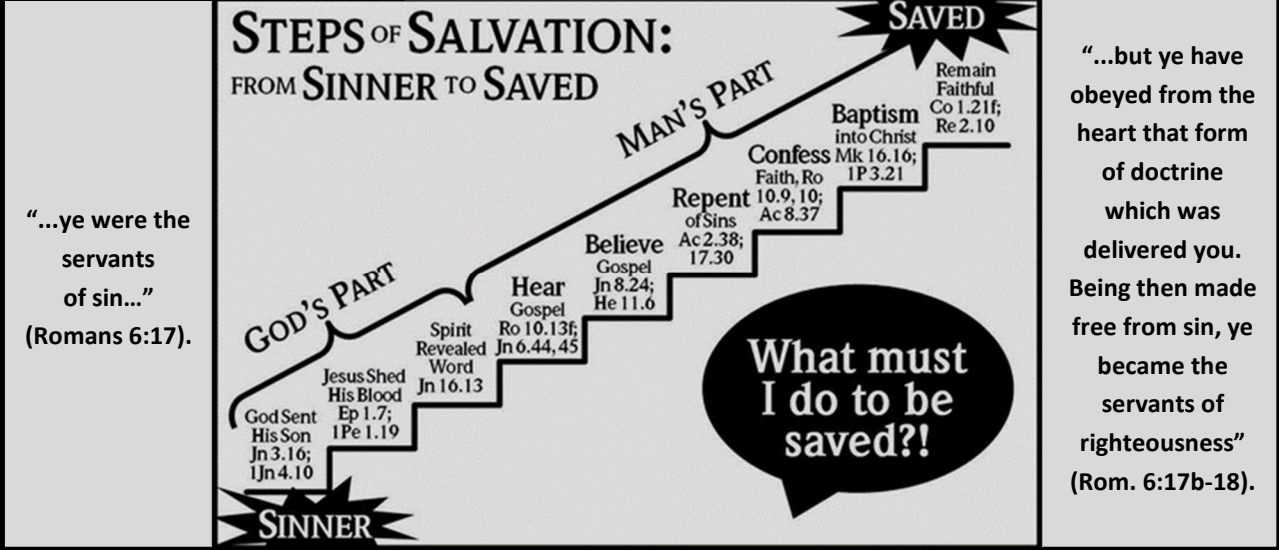


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

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



THE BAKER BULLETIN

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Meeting Times

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

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Lessons from a Coffin

Many events from the life of Joseph exemplify the great faith that he had in God. You may recall the advances of Potiphar's wife toward the young, vulnerable Joseph. He maintained his purity, for he knew to give in to temptation was to sin against God (Genesis 39:9). Perhaps you remember Joseph's attitude toward his brothers who had so mistreated him. His faith in God allowed Joseph to maintain an attitude of love and concern for his brothers (Genesis 50:19-21). However, no other event in the life of Joseph shows his great faith in God as does the commandment he gave concerning his death (Genesis 50:25-26) that his bones were to be taken to that land promised by God to His people. Many great lessons can be gleaned from the injunction Joseph gave concerning his burial.

First, it shows that Joseph's faith was not dimmed. He was separated from everything and everyone he knew and loved—everyone, that is, except for God. Joseph was in an idolatrous nation where no one knew him. He could have very easily renounced his faith in God and done as he pleased, but Joseph's faith in God would not allow him to do so. He was separated from God's people, yet he was determined to please God, even if he were the only one in the whole nation who was willing to take this stand. His faith was his own. It was not inherited, and it was not reliant upon others. Because of this, Joseph did not allow circumstances that occurred throughout his life to dim his faith.

Second, the commandment Joseph gave concerning his death shows that his heart was in Canaan, even though he was in Egypt. Joseph could see past the adversity. He knew that the things he had endured were not the end of it all. Through the eye of faith, Joseph could see the unseen. In his heart, Joseph longed for that land that God had promised to His people (Genesis 12:1-3). Although Joseph did not know when this would take place, he knew that it would happen. God promised it would be so, and in Joseph's heart, that settled it. Joseph knew he was but a stranger in a strange land, a citizen of the land of Canaan, merely passing through Egypt.

Third, the commandment Joseph gave concerning his death serves as a reminder. It reminds us that God is faithful to keep His promises. Joseph's coffin is a reminder that we are all mortal. Despite this fact, Joseph's coffin reminds us that there is hope of life beyond this life. Joseph's coffin reminded Israel that Egypt was not their home, and it reminds us that this world is not our home. Joseph's coffin serves as a reminder that we need to be patient. It took over 215 years for Joseph's command concerning his death to be fulfilled! Every time the children of Israel saw Joseph's coffin, or walked past his tomb, they were reminded of these things. Joseph faced the hardships of life with an unwavering faith, and he faced death with the same great faith. What a great lesson in faith for all of us!

—Patrick Morrison

Beguiled About Baptism

Eric Farrior

Far too many of my denominational friends have been beguiled by false teaching concerning baptism---

Notice a few (false) arguments they offer concerning baptism-

#1- "Belief" is mentioned more than "baptism", therefore "belief" must be more important--

What a strange "argument"! So obviously, to such a person God's will for man cannot be revealed a single time and it be binding upon man to obey... Yet:

- God commanded Adam concerning the forbidden tree just ONE time (Gen. 2)
- God commanded Noah to build the ark just ONE time (Gen. 6)
- God commanded Abraham to offer Isaac just ONE time (Gen. 22)

- God commanded Moses to SPEAK to the rock just ONE time (Num. 20)
- Seriously, how many times must God command before we are actually obligated to do so...? cf. Mt. 7:21

#2- The bible doesn't say that "baptism saves"--

- This one is kinda awkward, since the bible EXPLICITLY says baptism saves- Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 3:20-21, cf. Mk. 16:16)

#3- Baptism never saved anyone-

- It certainly was the point at which the Jews on Pentecost were "saved"- Acts 2:38-47, cf. "remission of sins"- Lk. 24:47
- It was the point at which Paul's sins were "washed away"- Acts 22:16
- It was how Cornelius' house would be saved- Acts 10:48, 11:14
- A person cannot honestly and objectively read the NT and come to the conclusion that baptism doesn't affect remission of sins!

#4- Faith only-

- Once again, an explicit quote from the NT destroys this-- Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. (Jms. 2:24)
- Belief without action has never been approved of and never will be- Jms. 2:18-26, cf. Heb. 11
- The Bible specifically says that our obedience (not mere belief) affects our remission of sins-- Rom. 6:16-18, 1 Pet. 1:22-23

#5- They accuse us of believing that the power to save is in "us" or "the water"--

- This isn't true..
- Baptism is God "working"- Col. 2:11-13
- The blood of Jesus forgives sin, yet it does so when man is scripturally baptized- Acts 22:16, Eph. 5:23-26, Rev. 1:5
- The pool of Siloam didn't cure the blind man, but he couldn't have been cured without it, since Jesus said so- Jn. 9
- The Jordan river didn't cure Naaman, but he couldn't have been cured without it, since God said so- 2 Kings 5
- God saves man when man trusts God enough to believe His word and respond obediently- Heb. 5:9, Rom. 1:16-17