

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Wilfred Derrick—health problems
- ◆ Mariah Hilburn—expecting
- ◆ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ◆ **Others in Need**
- ◆ Travis Barrow—rare condition
- ◆ Patsy Benson—passed away
- ◆ Phil Benson—kidney dialysis
- ◆ Charles Compton—passed away
- ◆ Danny Davis—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
- ◆ Joel Murphey—B-cell lymphoma
- ◆ Melanie Skinner—cancer treatments
- ◆ 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...

- July 27-30**  
*Union Hill Gospel Meeting*
- Aug. 3**  
*Meal after AM Worship*
- Aug. 10**  
*Men's Meeting*

**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

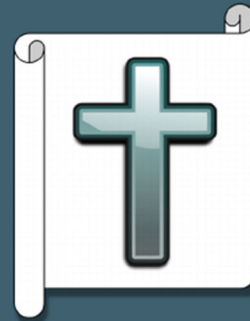


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

## 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

The weekly bulletin of

The church of Christ in Baker, FL

July 27, 2025

## Meeting Times

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

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## A Few Words from Jason

Since I was out of town last week, there was no bulletin for last week. I enjoyed the Gospel meeting with the church of Christ in Esto, and I hope God was glorified, saints were edified, and lost souls were helped to understand what we all must do to get to Heaven.

## God Comes First

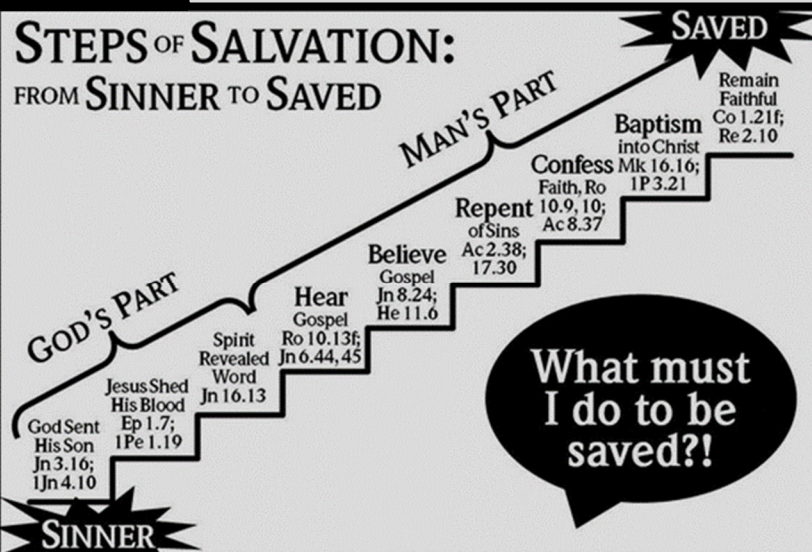
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Jesus left no doubt about the top priority in life: God must come first. No relationship, career, or personal interest should ever take priority over our loyalty to Him. In fact, placing anything above God is a form of idolatry (Col. 3:5).

**1. God Comes Before Family** – Jesus warned that following Him may cause division, even in our own households: *“For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household”* (Matt. 10:35–36). He continued in the next verse: *“He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me”* (Matt. 10:37). While we must love our families (Eph. 5:25; Titus 2:4), our loyalty to Christ must come first, even if it causes family

## STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

“...ye were the servants of sin...”  
(Romans 6:17).



“...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).

conflict (Lk. 18:28–30).

**2. God Comes Before Friends** – While there is nothing wrong with having friends, the best friend one can have is Jesus, and a friendship with Jesus requires faithfulness: *“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you”* (John 15:13-14). The Bible warns Christians not to be deceived by ungodly relationships that can lead us into sin (1 Cor. 15:33). God must come first, even if it means losing dear friends. True friends will respect your commitment to Christ, but some may walk away.

**3. God Comes Before Careers** – Many people make career success their highest goal, even at the expense of their faith. But Jesus warned: *“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”* (Matt. 16:26). Choosing a job that keeps us away from worship, tempts us to compromise, or pulls us away from spiritual priorities is a dangerous path. We must be willing to sacrifice wealth or status rather than let our work come between us and God. Our loving Father will provide all we need if we put Him first (Deut. 8:18; Matt. 6:33; 7:7–11; Jam. 1:17), and true success is going to Heaven (Matt. 25:34).

**4. God Comes Before Entertainment and Pleasure** – Our world is filled with entertainment and distractions, but the Bible warns of those who are *“lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God”* (2 Tim. 3:4). Innocent fun and entertainment are not sinful. We all need time to wind down and relax, but we must not become slaves to entertainment. God’s people are to be *“redeeming the time”* (Eph. 5:16), using our time wisely, not wasting it all on things that distract us from our true purpose (Eccl. 12:13–14; 1 Cor. 10:31–33).

**5. God Comes Before Self** – Jesus said, *“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me”* (Lk. 9:23). Putting God first means dying to self daily and living for Christ (Rom. 6:1–6; 12:1–2; Gal. 2:20). We must humble ourselves and let go of any desires or ambitions that conflict with His will, so we can live holy, God-centered lives.

**Conclusion: Seek Ye First** – *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you”* (Matt. 6:33). If we truly believe in God’s greatness and the eternal hope of Heaven, we must let that faith determine our daily priorities. God comes first, above everything and everyone.

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# The First Adam and the Last Adam

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*“And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit”* (1 Corinthians 15:45). *“Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam’s transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come”* (Romans 5:14). Similar terms are figure, type, shadow, example, pattern, prefigure, foreshadow.

**FIRST ADAM** – Miraculously created (*Genesis 2:7*)

**LAST ADAM** – Miraculous virgin birth (*Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18ff*)

**FIRST ADAM** – No wife at first (*Genesis 2:20*)

**LAST ADAM** – No bride at first (*Matthew 16:18*)

**FIRST ADAM** – Was put into a deep sleep (*Genesis 2:21*)

**LAST ADAM** – Was put into the “sleep” of death (*Acts 13:36–37*)

**FIRST ADAM** – Side opened while asleep (*Genesis 2:21*)

**LAST ADAM** – Side opened while dead (*John 19:33–34*)

**FIRST ADAM** – Rib taken for bride (*Genesis 2:22*)

**LAST ADAM** – Blood shed for bride (*Acts 20:28*)

**FIRST ADAM** – Awoke from sleep (*Genesis 2:22*)

**LAST ADAM** – Was raised from the “sleep” of death (*1 Corinthians 15:4, 51*)

**FIRST ADAM** – Bride had a miraculous beginning (*Genesis 2:22*)

**LAST ADAM** – Bride had a miraculous beginning (*Acts 2:1–4; 11:15*)

**FIRST ADAM** – Was to be fruitful and multiply through Eve (*Genesis 1:28*)

**LAST ADAM** – Bears fruit and multiplies through His bride (*Matthew 28:19–20*)

**FIRST ADAM** – Had only one wife (*Matthew 19:4–6*)

**LAST ADAM** – Has only one bride, His church (*Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 5:23*)

**FIRST ADAM** – Was the head of his wife (*Genesis 3:16*)

**LAST ADAM** – Is the head of His church (*Ephesians 5:23*)

**FIRST ADAM** – Wife called by his name (*Genesis 2:23; 5:2*)

**LAST ADAM** – Bride called by His name (*Acts 11:26*)

**FIRST ADAM** – Brought death to all (*1 Corinthians 15:21–22*)

**LAST ADAM** – Brings life to all (*1 Corinthians 15:20–23*)