

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Jennifer Derrick—vertigo
- ◆ Wilfred Derrick—health problems
- ◆ Mariah Hilburn—expecting
- ◆ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ◆ **Others in Need**
- ◆ Travis Barrow—rare condition
- ◆ Phil Benson—kidney dialysis
- ◆ Danny Davis—health problems
- ◆ Louise Douglas—health problems
- ◆ Joyce Faulk—health problems
- ◆ Jennifer Foxworth—health problems
- ◆ Kiptyn Gillis—non-cancerous tumor
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Stacey Scherl—surgery
- ◆ Melanie Skinner—cancer treatments

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- ◆ Joanna Wilson—expecting
- ◆ 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

## Events

If the Lord wills...

**Aug. 10**  
*Men's Meeting*

**Aug. 27**  
*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).

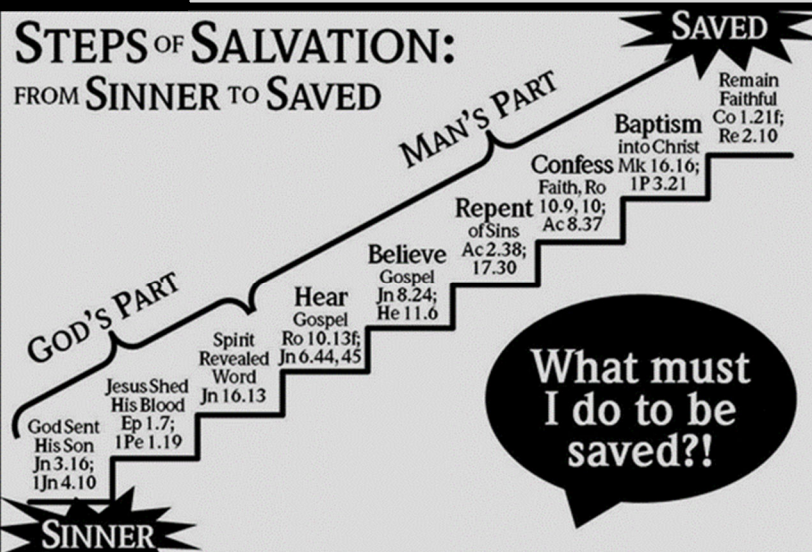
## Privileged to Serve



**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

## STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

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



What must I do to be saved?!

"...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).

# THE BAKER BULLETIN

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August 10, 2025

## Meeting Times

### Sundays:

10AM Bible Class  
 11AM Worship  
 6PM Worship

### Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

## Other Information

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## Must All Christians Travel the World?

(Part 2 of 2) By Jason Patrick Hilburn

### 5. Financial Support for Evangelism Would Weaken.

The New Testament reveals that some churches financially supported evangelists, enabling them to focus on their work. Paul commended the church at Philippi for supporting him during his travels: "For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity" (Philippians 4:16). This stable support allowed Paul to continue his work without being burdened by constant financial struggles.

In First Corinthians 9:6-15 Paul affirmed this principle of making a living by preaching: "Have not we power to forbear working?... Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." For this system to work, stable congregations were essential—groups of Christians who consistently met, contributed financially, and were overseen by faithful leadership. Without such stability, traveling preachers would have faced unpredictable support, making it difficult for them to focus on their work.

While Paul occasionally supported himself through tentmaking (Acts 18:3; 20:34), this was not his ideal method. He expressed gratitude when stable congregations like the Philippians enabled him to focus more fully on his mission (2 Corinthians 11:8-9). Paul instructed Timothy that "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life..." (2

Timothy 2:4), reinforcing the idea that those dedicated to preaching have the right to be free to concentrate on their spiritual work without distraction. Without stable congregations and reliable leadership, such a focus would have been nearly impossible.

**6. Extensive Travel Can Disrupt Family Stability.** God has given parents a serious responsibility to train their children in His ways. Paul instructed fathers to *“bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord”* (Ephesians 6:4). This requires time, effort, and intentional teaching.

While some families thrive spiritually while living in a new area for an extended period—such as relocating to a foreign country for several years to do evangelistic work—this may not be feasible for many families. Additionally, if a family is constantly relocating, it can make life difficult, especially for children. Continually moving from place to place can disrupt routines, limit stability, and make it harder to provide the consistent structure that children often need. Sacrifices must often be made in the Lord’s service, but hopefully not at the expense of children’s welfare — a principle reflected in Jesus’ rebuke of those who neglected family duties under the pretense of religious devotion (cf. Matthew 15:3-8). Some families or individuals may also have special needs that prevent them from traveling.

For many families, a stable home environment in their native country is the best choice to ensure their children receive the upbringing they need. For others, establishing stability in a new region for an extended period may be a workable option. In either case, parents must carefully consider how best to fulfill their God-given role in raising faithful children.

### **A Balanced View of Soul-Winning**

If Christians are not careful, we may begin thinking that souls on the other side of the world are more valuable than those living next door. However, all souls are equally precious to God, regardless of their location. If every Christian were expected to leave his home region to evangelize, we would be faced with an absurd scenario: Christians from other countries would need to come here, while we leave to go there. Such thinking is not only impractical—it disregards the value of the souls in our own communities. God’s plan is for Christians to shine as lights wherever they are (Philippians 2:15), not to abandon their local fields in pursuit of distant ones.

Even the apostle Paul did not always travel. Sometimes he stayed in one location for extended periods—over 18 months in Corinth (Acts 18:11, 18) and at least three years in Ephesus (Acts 20:31). This shows that faithful evangelism can take different forms depending on opportunity and need—even for one of the most active evangelists in history.

### **Modern Tools for Spreading the Gospel**

While the apostles and early Christians spread the Gospel through travel and written correspondence, Christians today have even more powerful tools at their disposal. The Internet—websites, online videos, video calls, social media, email, and digital publishing—has made it possible to teach and influence souls across the globe without ever leaving home. A faithful Christian with a strong online presence may reach more people in a week than a first-century Christian could reach in a year on foot. These tools are especially helpful now that the world population is estimated to be more than 30 times the size of the population in the first century A.D.

Technology can be an amazing tool for evangelism, but it also has its limits. One cannot be baptized through a computer, and involvement in a local congregation is inherently personal. Still, the modern Christian has more options than ever for spreading the Gospel effectively without extensive travel.

### **Conclusion**

The Great Commission is a vital command to spread the Gospel throughout the world, but God never intended for every Christian to fulfill it in the same way. While some Christians travel and take the Gospel to other regions, others are needed to strengthen local congregations, support traveling evangelists, and teach within their own communities. This balance is essential to God’s design.

As Paul explained in 1 Corinthians 12, the body has many members with different roles and responsibilities. A Gospel preacher in a foreign country may be the “mouth,” but he may need the “feet” of a faithful congregation to send and support him. Rather than believing that every Christian must personally travel the world, we should embrace the opportunities and responsibilities available to us—whether that involves going or staying, each doing his part to strengthen the local church and support the spreading of the Gospel—knowing that all these efforts are vital to fulfilling the Great Commission.