

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Jennifer Derrick—health problems
- ♦ Mariah Hilburn—expecting, nausea
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Annette Garrett - Non-H. lymphoma
- ♦ Kiptyn Gillis—non-cancerous tumor
- ♦ Jamie Goodman—colon cancer
- ♦ Russell Gunter—surgery recovery
- ♦ Howard & Elizabeth Grace—health
- ♦ Andrew Hickman—health problems
- ♦ Shahid Iqbal—health problems
- ♦ Tony Jones—health problems
- ♦ Joel Murphey—B-cell lymphoma
- ♦ Stacey Scherl—surgery

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- ♦ Melanie Skinner—cancer treatment
- ♦ 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...

Oct. 5

*Meal after AM Worship*

Oct. 11

*Men's Leadership Breakfast*

Oct. 22

*4th Wednesday Singing*

## 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

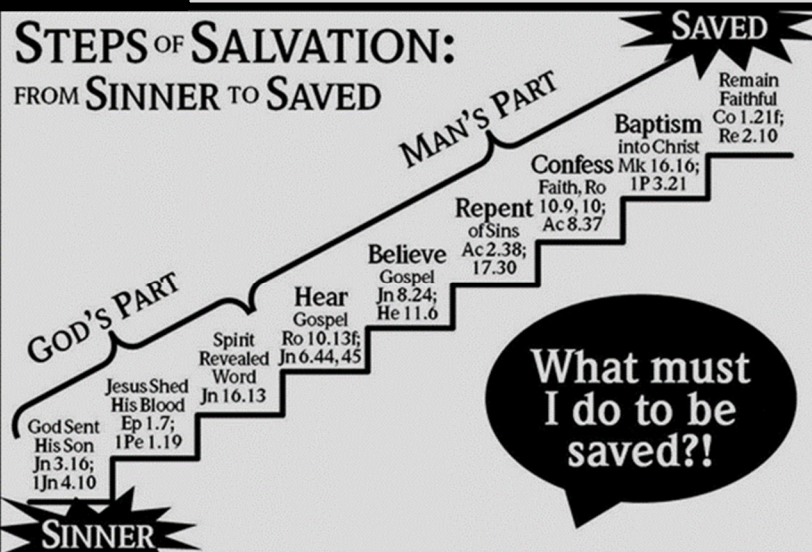


**Announcements:** Glenn Howze  
**Song Leading:** Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Mark Howze  
**Serving the Lord's Supper**  
 Head: Johnny Moss; Helpers: Leo Derrick, Ethan Howze, Mark Howze  
**Lord's Supper PM**  
 Head: Glenn Howze  
 Helper: Rick Hemphill  
**Bible Reading:** Trey Miles

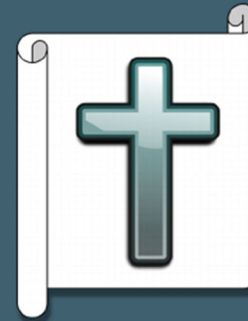
**Faithful Worship** — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving**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

## 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).



# THE BAKER BULLETIN

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## Meeting Times

### Sundays:

- 10AM Bible Class
- 11AM Worship
- 6PM Worship

### Wednesdays:

- 7PM Bible Class

## Other Information

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## Why Christians Cannot Be Masons

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Freemasonry is a worldwide organization claiming to promote morality, brotherhood, and charitable works through secret rituals and symbols. Though it presents itself as a moral fraternity, its own writings reveal it to be a religious system that contradicts the Bible.

Freemasonry did not originate in Bible times, though some claim it traces back to Solomon's temple. In reality, the first Grand Lodge was organized in London, England, in 1717, and the first American lodge was formed in Boston in 1733. Since then, the Masonic Lodge has spread worldwide. Its own writings prove that it is a rival religion to Christianity, and thus no Christian can remain faithful to Christ while being a Mason.

### 1. Freemasonry Admits It Is a Religion

Albert Pike, one of Masonry's highest authorities, wrote: "Every Masonic Lodge is a temple of religion; and its teachings are instruction in religion" (*Morals and Dogma*, p. 213). The *Kentucky Monitor* likewise states: "As Masons we are taught that no man should ever enter upon any great or important undertaking without first invoking the blessing of Deity. This is because Masonry is a religious institution" (p. 28).

The Bible teaches there is only "one faith" (Ephesians 4:5). Any religion outside the Bible is false.

## 2. Freemasonry Places All Religions on Equal Ground

Lodges are known to display the Bible, the Koran, and the Pentateuch side by side — treating them as if they all carried equal authority today. The Pentateuch is indeed part of God's inspired Word, but it was nailed to the cross and is no longer binding as law (Colossians 2:14-17). To set it alongside the Koran, a false book, and to place all three on the same level of authority is blasphemous.

Masonic prayers are addressed vaguely to the "Grand Architect of the Universe," and never uttered in Jesus' name, lest those of other religions be offended (cf. John 16:23; Ephesians 5:20). Pike wrote: *"Masonry, around whose altars the Christian, the Hebrew, the Moslem, the Brahmin, the followers of Confucius and Zoroaster, can assemble as brethren and unite in prayer..."* (*Morals and Dogma*, p. 226).

Jesus said, *"No man cometh unto the Father, but by me"* (John 14:6). Christians cannot treat false religions as equal with the Gospel of Christ. To support false religions is to no longer abide in Christ (Ephesians 5:11; 2 John 9-11).

## 3. Freemasonry Offers Salvation Without Christ

The *Tennessee Craftsman* says the Masonic "lambskin" is a symbol of purity *"necessary to obtain admittance into the celestial lodge above"* (p. 17). Masons even promise Heaven to their own apart from Christ. At a Masonic funeral the presiding officer (called the "Worshipful Master") placed a little white apron upon a non-Christian and announced: *"He is now in the Grand Lodge in Heaven."*

The Bible says: *"Neither is there salvation in any other"* than Jesus (Acts 4:12). Eternal life is found only in the Gospel of Christ (Romans 1:16; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). Freemasonry bypasses Christ and offers a counterfeit hope through a false religion of compromise and pluralism.

## 4. Freemasonry Denies the Absolute Truth of the Bible

Albert Pike wrote: *"The doctrines of the Bible are often not clothed in the language of strict truth"* (*Morals and Dogma*, p. 224). In other words, Masonry teaches that the Bible does not always present truth plainly or accurately, but Jesus affirmed that *"[God's] word is truth"* (John 17:17; cf. 2 Timothy 3:16-17). Overwhelming evidence confirms that the Bible is the one book from God. To deny the absolute truth of God's Word is to deny Christ Himself, who said, *"I am...the truth"* (John 14:6).

## 5. Freemasonry Uses Titles That Belong Only to God

In the Masonic lodge, leaders are called "Worshipful Master" or "Most Worshipful Master," but Jesus said: *"Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ"* (Matthew 23:10). Titles of such reverence do not belong to mere men.

## 6. Freemasonry Binds Men With Sinful Oaths

Masonic initiates swear oaths sealed with gruesome penalties — such as promising to have one's throat cut for revealing secrets, but Jesus commanded: *"Swear not at all... But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay"* (Matthew 5:34, 37). Christians cannot take such gruesome oaths that contradict the command of Christ and bind men to a false religion.

## 7. Freemasonry Appeals to the Pride of Life

Masonry entices men with secret knowledge, ranks, and titles, creating a sense of superiority over others. Those in lower degrees are deliberately kept in ignorance of the full teachings of Masonry, and may even defend it more vigorously because they are unaware of what is revealed at higher levels. Albert Pike admitted: *"The Mason who is uninitiated in the higher degrees...is deliberately deceived by his brethren. The Truth is not for those who are unworthy."* This deliberate secrecy and elitism lead to arrogance, not humility.

The Bible warns: *"...the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world"* (1 John 2:16). Jesus said: *"If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all"* (Mark 9:35), and *"He that is greatest among you shall be your servant"* (Matthew 23:11). Paul wrote, *"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself"* (Philippians 2:3). Christianity emphasizes humility, but Freemasonry emphasizes pride.

## Conclusion

The Masonic Lodge claims to be a religion, places false religions alongside Christianity as equal, denies the truth of the Bible, offers salvation without Christ, requires sinful oaths, and appeals to the pride of life rather than the humble example of Christ (Mark 10:45; Philippians 2:3-8).

God's command is clear: *"Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord"* (2 Corinthians 6:17). No Christian can be faithful to Christ and remain a Mason.