

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—blood press. issues

Others in Need

- ♦ Bobby Adams—health problems
- ♦ Francis Adams—health problems
- ♦ Terri Adams—cancer
- ♦ Johnny Angel—back surgery, knee infection
- ♦ Fran Carlos—back surgery
- ♦ Bonnie Crites—knee pain, surgery
- ♦ Louise Douglas—health problems
- ♦ Kim Dunn—cancer
- ♦ Joyce Faulk—health problems
- ♦ Jennifer Foxworth—health problems
- ♦ Melba Fuqua—hospice
- ♦ Annette Garrett - Non-H. lymphoma
- ♦ Kiptyn Gillis—non-cancerous tumor
- ♦ Jerry Madden—cancer
- ♦ Mike Porter—severe back pain
- ♦ Greg Richards—health problems
- ♦ Amy Snyder—injured shoulder

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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).

Events

If the Lord wills...

April 5

Meal after AM Worship

May 3-6

Our Gospel Meeting with Ed Casteel

Privileged to Serve



Announcements: Leo Derrick

Song Leading: Sunday—Mark Howze; Wednesday—Ethan Howze

Serving the Lord's Supper

Head: Glenn Howze; Helpers: Caleb Howze, David Howze, Ezra Howze

Lord's Supper PM

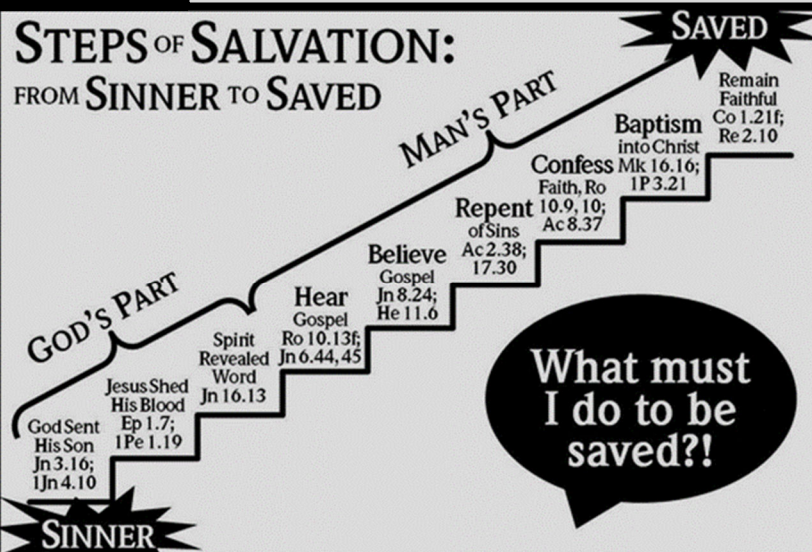
Head: Johnny Moss
Helper: Jacob Mashburn

Bible Reading: Rick Hemphill

Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Php. 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).

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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class

11AM Worship

6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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Trying to Be Nicer Than God

By Jason Patrick Hilburn

Many today try to justify actions by calling them "loving," even when those actions contradict what God said. True love does not try to improve God's standard—it follows it. God has valid reasons for His commands, and they are for our eternal welfare. When we ignore His commands in the name of love, we endanger the very souls we claim to love. Every one of the following actions works against the salvation of souls, in the name of love and tolerance:

1. Refusing to address or rebuke sin because some claim that would be unloving (1 Tim. 5:20; 2 Tim. 4:2; Tit. 1:13; 2:15; Rev. 3:19)
2. Refusing to teach the truth about homosexuality because some claim that would be unloving (Rom. 1:26-27; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Jude 7)
3. Ignoring false doctrine to "keep peace" (Rom. 16:17; Gal. 1:6-9; 1 Tim. 4:16; 2 Tim. 2:15-18; 2 Pet. 2:1-2)
4. Teaching salvation by faith alone, trying to make the

strait and narrow path broader than God made it (Mt. 7:13-14, 21-27; Heb. 5:9; Jam. 2:19-26; 1 Pet. 1:22)

5. **Treating all religious groups as equally acceptable to God** (Mt. 7:13-14; Jn. 14:6; Acts 4:12; Eph. 4:3-6; 1 Jn. 4:1; Rev. 2:15)
6. **Extending Christian fellowship to those not in fellowship with God** (Rom. 16:17; Eph. 5:11; 2 Jn. 9-11)
7. **Accepting unscriptural worship practices to avoid offending others** (Mt. 15:9; Jn. 4:23-24; Col. 3:17)
8. **Forgiving those who refuse to repent, even though God requires repentance** (Mt. 18:15-17; Lk. 17:3-4; 1 Cor. 5; 2 Cor. 2:6-9; 7:9-12)
9. **Refusing to withdraw from impenitent brethren, though God says this must be done so that “the spirit may be saved”** (Mt. 18:11-17; 1 Cor. 5; 2 Thess. 3:6, 14-15)
10. **Supporting family or friends in sinful activities in the name of “love”** (Rom. 3:8; 1 Cor. 10:27-33; 13:6; Eph. 5:11; 2 Jn. 9-11; Rev. 3:19)

Conclusion: God is love (1 Jn. 4:8), and His commands define what love truly is—not our feelings or preferences. Trying to be “nicer than God” is not true love—it is either ignorance or willful disobedience disguised as compassion. May we never assume that we know better than God. *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts”* (Isa. 55:8-9).

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“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent” —Jesus Christ (Revelation 3:19)

What I Owe My Home Congregation

Unto the church of the Lord in every locality, I am under solemn obligation to the extent of my ability, but unto my home congregation, I am under special obligation.

I want my home congregation to radiate a wholesome influence in the community. Therefore, I owe it the example of a good life. For I must “live soberly, righteously, and godly” (Titus 2:12).

I want the strangers who enter the door of the meetinghouse to feel at home, to learn to love to return. They are our guests. I owe it to them, and to the church, to show myself friendly. I must not stand back and expect everyone else to greet them (Heb. 13:2).

No congregation can make progress without faithful and efficient leaders. To a certain extent, the members of the church make or break their leaders. To the end that our leaders may be stronger and more efficient, I should give them my support. I should pray for them.

My home congregation has financial obligations which are due at regular intervals. Whether I give or do not give, these obligations must be paid. If God has commanded weekly giving, and the congregation counts on the members’ weekly giving in worship to handle its obligations, then I should give of my means each week. Though circumstances may force me to be absent at times, my regular contributions should still find their way into the treasury of the church (1 Cor. 16:2).

I know that the very existence of my congregation depends upon the attendance of its members. I must realize that my willful absence is a discouragement to the preacher, the elders, and every other faithful member of the congregation. But then, it is also a disappointment to the Lord, for I have sinned (Heb.10:25ff). I do not want it said that my congregation perished because I did not attend its meetings.

I want my home congregation to grow, to multiply in numbers. Therefore, I must be set to do the noble work of winning souls for Christ (Luke 19:10). This I can do by teaching and persuading. This I can do by persistent effort. This I can do by bringing them to the assemblies.

My home congregation cannot thrive in a frigid atmosphere. I must not, by my carelessness, allow the church to become a place where hearts are chilled. I must make it a place where hearts are warmed. I owe it the warmth of my life.

We must meet our obligations to the best of our ability. We must, with the help of God, fulfill our part in the incomparable work of building up the body of Christ.

ARE YOU doing your part to see that your congregation is doing these things?

—Kent Bailey, adapted