

In Our Prayers

Of Our Number
Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
Jennifer Derrick—health problems
Rick Hemphill—dental procedures
Jeff Mashburn—health problems
Jim Nivison—much improved

Others in Need
Kristen Adam—stage 4 cancer
Francis Adams—passed away
Terri Adams—cancer
Glen Brooks—clot in carotid artery
Fran Carlos—back surgery
Sheila Cole—health problems
Ruth Cook—cancer surg. recovery
Louise Douglas—health problems
Kim Dunn—cancer
Joyce Faulk—health problems
Jennifer Foxworth—health problems
Annette Garrett - Non-H. lymphoma
Lucinda Lingor—heart problems
Jerry Madden—cancer
Paul Mays—Lyme disease
Ann Parker—health problems
Kenny Parsons—shoulder surgery
Dan Sikes—back pain, surgery
Michael Totoro—cancer

Pray for Christians overseas, such as those facing persecution in Pakistan and 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.

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).

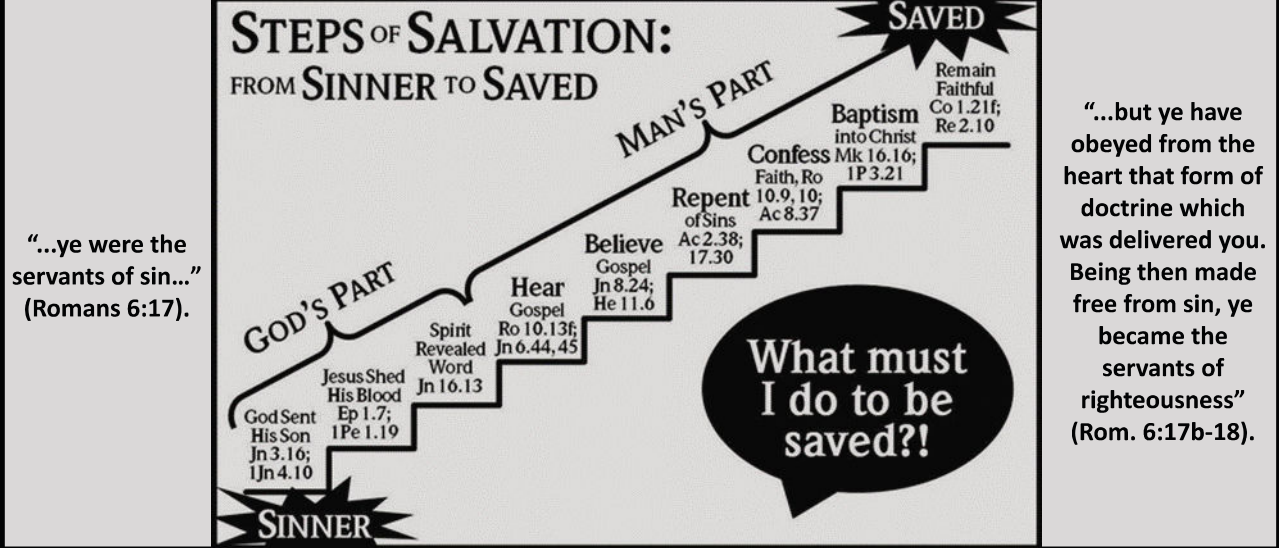
Events

October 18-21
Our Gospel Meeting by Baker Men
Sunday 10AM, 11AM - Glenn Howze
Sunday 2PM - Ethan Howze
Monday 7PM - Jason Hilburn
Tuesday 7PM - Leo Derrick
Wednesday 7PM - Mark Howze

Privileged to Serve

Announcements: Leo Derrick
Song Leading: Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Jacob Mashburn
Serving the Lord's Supper
Head: Ethan Howze; Helpers: Mark Howze, Trey Miles, Johnny Moss
Lord's Supper PM
Head: Mark Howze
Helper: Ezra Howze
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).



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Meeting Times

Sundays:
10AM Bible Class
11AM Worship
6PM Worship

Wednesdays:
7PM Bible Class

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They Searched the Scriptures

By Johnny O. Trail

In the mid 1800s Hans Gustafson, a well-known glass blower from Germany, became alarmed at the number of homes that were being destroyed by fires during the Christmas season. In an age prior to artificial trees, people used live trees that were cut down and placed in homes for Christmas decorations. These trees were adorned with candles to make them “light up” in the late evening and nighttime hours. As a result of the tree continually drying, the trees would sometimes catch fire and destroy entire houses.

Gustafson sought to provide a remedy for this serious problem. He determined that glass could be blown into globes and placed on trees as decorations. The issue he had to address was the weight of the glass globes he created. Gustafson created a process whereby the globes could be blown and designed in such a way that the glass was extremely thin and light making it easier to hang on Christmas trees. Today, an original Gustafson hand-blown ornament is worth millions of dollars and are much sought after by collectors.

At this point, the reader needs to know that the previous two paragraphs were entirely made up. The words were fabricated to make a point about research and taking someone's word for fact without any investigation. If I had not revealed the falsity of the first two paragraphs, some might have shared this information with others and claimed it to be true based on simply trusting the writer. To be fair, I make every attempt to be truthful and accurate in any writing I produce. If I make a mistake, I correct it and offer apologies when needed.

Most responsible adults check and double check things that are important and things that have value in their lives. When one leaves home for a vacation, it is not unheard of to ask the neighbors to “keep an eye” on things. In an electronic age, many will check their bank

This also exposes a fatal flaw that one readily observes in our society. Many people make accusations or statements without fully knowing or understanding the facts of a situation. In an effort to “break the story,” news outlets will make broadcasts about newsworthy reports as the information becomes available, and they leave gaps, inconsistencies, or half-truths in the reporting without any continued effort to arrive at valid, verifiable conclusions. This has resulted in riots, destruction of property, and false accusations being leveled at innocent parties.

One marvels at the lack of provisions that are made by many in our society to determine if they are on the right path spiritually speaking. Philippians 2:12 says, *“Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”* Each person is accountable for their soul’s safety, and it is not something that one should take for granted.

Furthermore, Scripture lauds the actions of the Bereans because they studied God's word to affirm the message of Paul and Silas. This was the case even in light of the fact that Paul was a man inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Bible says in Acts 17:11, *"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."* As a result of their study many of them were obedient to the Gospel (Acts 17:12). They did not merely take Paul's word for the truth. Luke, in writing Acts, applauds them for examining the matter against the inspired word of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

All these things make it abundantly clear that one should never accept any teaching regarding God's word without examining it for themselves. Hopefully, the message proclaimed will mesh beautifully, completely, and wholly with God's word. Do not take what any human being says regarding Scripture as truth if it cannot be backed by the Bible. To do so might imperil your soul.

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Sunday 10 AM, 11 AM	Glenn Howze <i>(A Life of Ease)</i>
Lunch provided	
Sunday 2 PM	Ethan Howze <i>(In God We Trust)</i>
Monday 7 PM	Jason Hilburn <i>(Peter, Who Failed but Succeeded)</i>
Tuesday 7 PM	Leo Derrick <i>(Choices)</i>
Wednesday 7 PM	Mark Howze <i>(What Does Heaven Mean to You?)</i>

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