In Our Prayers

Of Our Number

Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
Jennifer Derrick—health problems
Rick Hemphill—dental procedures
Jeff Mashburn—health problems
Kari Miles—surgery recovery
Jim Nivison—improving
Denise Vincent—surgery recovery

Others in Need

Kristen Adam—stage 4 cancer
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
Christa Richards—kidney stones
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

November 8
Men's Meeting

November 28
4th Wednesday Singing

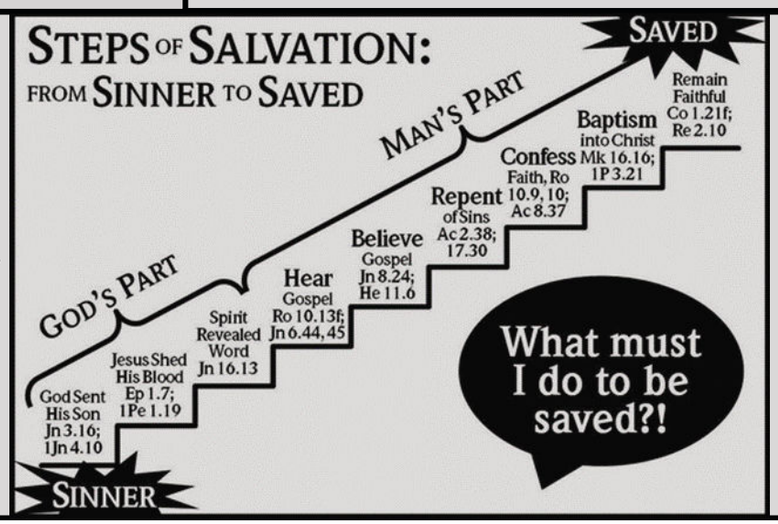
No meals on first Sundays in December or January

Privileged to Serve

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

"...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

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What's In Store for the USA?

What does God have in store for the USA? I do not know, but I know what He does NOT have in store. Friends, the USA will not last forever. The USA is not the everlasting kingdom foretold in the Old Testament to begin in Jerusalem during the days of the Roman kings (Dan. 2; Isa. 2; Joel 2; Hag. 2). The USA is not the "holy nation" referred to in First Peter 2:9. It's not the kingdom that will be delivered up to God when Jesus returns (1 Cor. 15:22-24). Those descriptions belong solely to the Lord's church/nation/ kingdom that He died to establish (Mt. 16:18, 19, 28; Acts 20:28). The USA needs to remember what Psalm 9:17 says: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (cf. Prov. 14:34). If the USA chooses the path of rebellion against God, that path leads to destruction.

Also remember that God has often used even wicked leaders to accomplish His will (Ex. 9:16; Dan. 4:17; Hab. 1; Jn. 19:11, etc.), and there are things God does in His providence that are beyond our understanding (Isa. 55:8, 9; Rom. 11:33; 13:1-7). Clearly, God's desire is for people to be in Heaven with Him forever (Rom. 5:8-10; 1 Tim. 2:3, 4; 2 Pet. 3:9). This nation and this world need to be seen the way God does, with eternity in mind (1 Cor. 2:16; 2 Cor. 4:16-18).

I love the USA, and I am not saying the USA is about

to fall, but one day it will come to its end, just like every other earthly nation (2 Pet. 3:10-12). Until then, Christians need to pray for leaders and be godly citizens (Rom. 13; 1 Tim. 2:1-5; 1 Pet. 2:13-23). We need to make sure we are faithful members of Christ's everlasting kingdom and that our citizenship is in Heaven (Mt. 16:18, 19, 28; Col. 1:13; Php. 3:20; Heb. 12:22-29; Rev. 1:9). Maybe we need to be reminded that Christians are like those of ancient times who were "strangers and pilgrims on the earth," desiring "a better country, that is, a heavenly" (Heb. 11:13-16; cf. Mt. 6:19-21; Col. 3:1, 2).

When I compare Christ's kingdom to the USA, I'm so thankful our King does not change every four years! I'm so thankful our King can never be defeated by His enemies! I'm so thankful that our King loves righteousness and hates all sin! That is why God the Father exalted His Son Jesus to be our Righteous King, the King of all kings (Mt. 28:18; Heb. 1:9; Rev. 17:14). Our King does not use profanity, He is the epitome of humility, He hates the shedding of innocent blood, He hates racism, adultery, homosexuality, pedophilia, and sins of every kind (Prov. 6:16-19; Lk. 10:25-37; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Jude 7). He has never committed even one sin (Heb. 4:15; 1 Pet. 2:22).

Our King commands men to love God first and love their neighbors as much as they love themselves (Mt. 22:36-40; Php. 2:3-5). He commands His followers to have the greatest kind of love—godly love that wants what is best for all people, even our enemies (Mt. 5:43-48; Rom. 12:9-21). Most people do not truly understand who the true King is, but one day they will. One day every person who has ever lived will bow down before King Jesus, confessing His glory with their mouths: "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God" (Rom. 14:11; cf. Php. 2:9-11). On that day it will be too late to be saved from God's wrath. No day compares with the day Jesus Christ returns in the clouds to judge the world (Mt. 25:31-46; 1 Thess. 4:13-5:3; 2 Thess. 1:7-9).

Nothing is more important than getting ready for that day. All men are amenable to King Christ's law, whether they realize it or not, and we will all be judged by His Words (Mt. 28:18-20; John 12:48; 1 Cor. 9:21; 2 Cor. 5:10; Jam. 1:22-25). Seek His kingdom now, before it's too late! (Mt. 6:33). A penitent believer in Christ must be born of water and of the Spirit to enter that kingdom, remaining faithful after water baptism (Jn. 3:5; 6:63; Acts 2:36-41; 10:6, 35, 47, 48; 22:16; Eph. 5:26; Heb. 10:22-31; 1 Pet. 3:20, 21; 2 Pet. 2:20-22; 1 Jn. 1:6-2:6).

Regardless of who the civil leaders are, if persecutions come, or even if the USA falls, citizens of Christ's eternal kingdom can have a peace that passes understanding, trusting God with nothing to fear (Prov. 3:5, 6; Rom. 8:31; Php. 4:4-13; 2 Tim. 1:7). That said, our main mission is to spread God's Word in this world, which will always be controversial (Mt. 28:18-20; Jn. 8:40; Gal. 4:16; 2 Tim. 3:12). No matter what happens, serve the King, pledge allegiance to Him, and stand up and proclaim His Words without fear!

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Proverbs 14:34 - "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

Psalm 9:17 - "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."

Daniel 2:44 - "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."

Hebrews 12:28 - "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:"

Philippians 3:20 - "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ..."

Hebrews 11:13, 16 - "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth...But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly..."

2 Peter 3:10 - "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."