

PRAYER REQUESTS

We must pray for all men. (1 Timothy 2:1) Pray for our members but especially these:

- Terry and Jeanie Lichliter
- Eddie Benfit and Marian Lozier
- David and Brenda Born
- The Hayford Boahen Family
- Art and Cindy Candenquist
- Eugene and Juanita Tewalt
- Carson Van Arsdall and his sister Paula Clark
- Jane McCool
- Debbie Martin
- Nate and Olivia Edwards
- Catherine Derflinger
- Joseph Agyenim's family
- James Behnke
- Paul Sullivan (Linda Sullivan's son)
- Bernie Steed (Linda's son)
- Cathy Meadows (Linda's sister-in-law)
- Donnie Meadows (Linda's nephew)
- Sammy Campbell (Linda's & Debbie's brother)
- Kim Wines (Debbie Martin's daughter)
- Michael Michelucci (Debbie's son)
- Haylen Evans (Debbie's great-granddaughter)
- Stacy Beach (Debbie's friend's husband)
- Barbara Sirna (Debbie's friend)
- Robert and Mary Martin
- Sammy Campbell

MEN TO SERVE

SONG LEADER - David Born

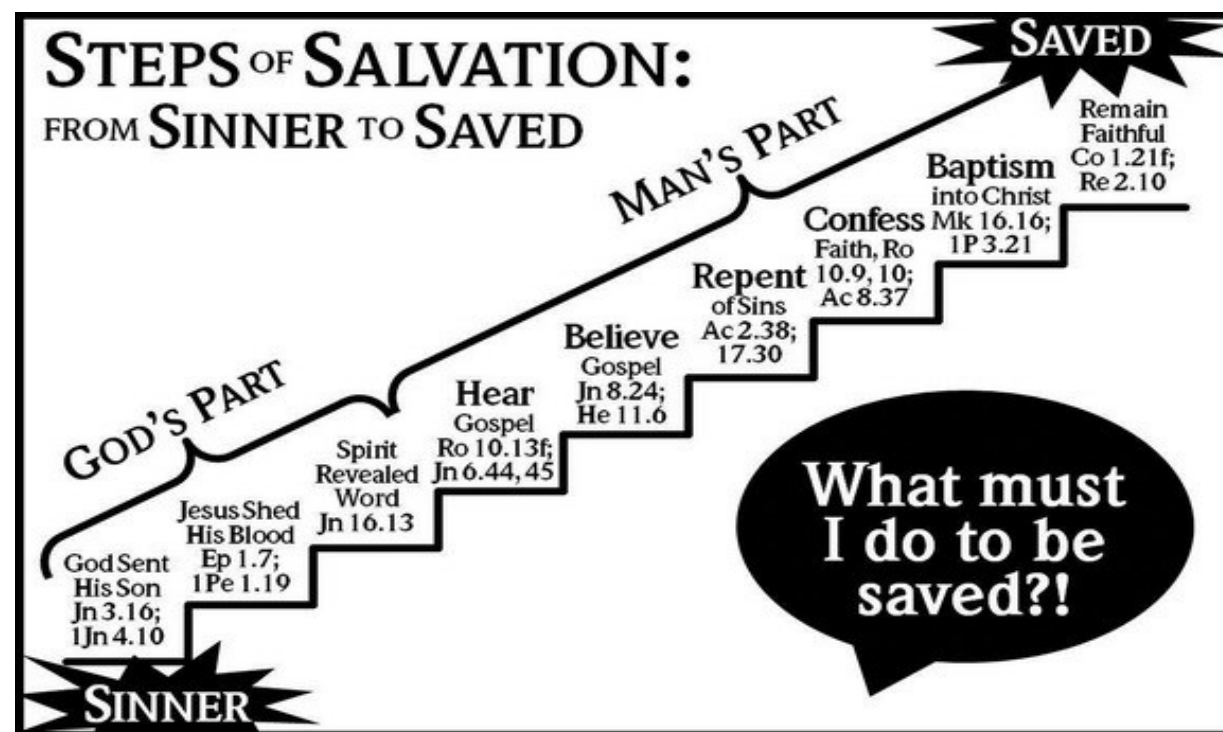
PM SONG LEADER - ???

OPENING PRAYER - Troy Postlethwait

HEAD TABLE - Cyric Edwards

SERVE - Danny Derflinger & David Mayberry

CLOSING PRAYER - David Born



THE ENCOURAGER

FRONT ROYAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 12, 2026

AN OPEN BIBLE AND AN HONEST HEART

by Charles Box

WELCOME VISITORS

We are glad you chose to worship with us today. Please fill out a visitor's card so that we may have a record of your visit. Let us know if we can help you in anyway.

I have always believed that it takes two things to go to heaven. It takes a heart that is honest and a Bible that is open. The fog of religious confusion and division makes finding true Christianity difficult in our day. The Bible speaks of unity. (Ephesians 4:4-6, John 17:20-21) We did not want nor cause the denominational division of our day; we were just born into a world of religious confusion.

In less than a 10-minute walk from where I preached at the Walnut Street Church of Christ, in Greenville, Alabama, you could physically touch at least six or seven church buildings. At each place, different things are believed, taught and practiced. The Bible says, "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." (1 Corinthians 14:33) Jesus promised that He would build His church. He also promised that nothing would prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18-19) He kept both promises. His church is in the world today.

Let us study our Bible carefully with an honest heart, so that we can know the truth. When religious discussions are going on, one of our favorite statements should be, "SHOW ME IN THE BIBLE." Study the Bible with an honest heart. Make sure when you read or hear words from the Bible that they are in their context. My son, Philip Box (who is also a gospel preacher) says that we need to read the Bible with 20/20 vision. When you read a verse in the Bible, you should read about 20 verses above it and 20 verses below it to make sure you are studying the verse in its context. Everything that we hear religiously cannot be right; so, let's start saying, "Show me in the Bible." What I say or what you say is not important, but what God says is everything.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday: 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Wednesday: 7:00 PM

Church Building: 540-823-9170

Minister: Troy Postlethwait 540-252-7460

Website: Front Royal Church Of Christ.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ No food or drinks should be in the auditorium.
- ◆ Please make sure to silence all electronic devices during the bible class and worship service.
- ◆ The Sunday morning adult bible class is in the auditorium at 10 a.m.
- ◆ The Sunday morning ladies bible class is in the fellowship hall at 10 a.m.
- ◆ Sunday afternoon service is at 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ The Tuesday morning ladies bible class at 11:00 a.m. is on hold until further notice.
- ◆ The Wednesday bible class is at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall.
- ◆ Potluck is every Sunday after morning worship.
- ◆ **New Phone Number for the Church Building - 540-823-9170**
- ◆ **Next week, we will be meeting in the fellowship hall for our services. (While the auditorium is being remodeled).**

THOUGHT OF TODAY

Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

April : Anniversaries

Mike & Jane McCool - 4/1

Terry & Jeanie Lichliter - 4/7

Nate & Olivia Edwards - 4/ 10

April : Birthdays

Danny Derflinger - 4/1

Fennec Edwards - 4/16

Maddie Mayberry - 4/23

Abby Mayberry - 4/27

BIBLE TRIVIA

In what church was there a woman so bad that she was called Jezebel?

Answer to last week question:

What Queen was deposed for refusing to obey her drunken husband?

Vashti - Esther 1:10-21

Concerning The Collection

(1 Cor. 16: 1-2)

INTRODUCTION

1. Among many churches of Christ, visitors are often surprised to find...
2. The practice reflects a desire to follow the New Testament pattern...

I. HISTORY OF THE COLLECTION

A. EARLY CHURCH NOTED FOR ITS LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER...

1. In the church at Jerusalem, the charity of its members was remarkable - Ac 2:44-45
2. Their liberality continued for some time - Ac 4:32-35

B. SUCH LOVE WENT BEYOND THE LOCAL CONGREGATION...

1. The church in Antioch took up a collection for the needy saints in Judea - Ac 11:27-30
2. The churches in Greece took up a collection for the saints in Jerusalem - Ro 15:25-26

C. A SYSTEMATIC COLLECTION WAS ESTABLISHED...

1. Paul gave instructions to churches in Galatia and Corinth - 1Co 16:1
2. A weekly collection, gathered on the first day of the week - 1Co 16:2

II. PURPOSE OF THE COLLECTION

A. TO PROVIDE FOR NEEDY CHRISTIANS...

1. It was "the collection for the saints" - 1Co 16:1
2. It was "for the poor among the saints" - Ro 15:26
3. It concerns "ministering to the saints" - 2Co 9:1 4 It "supplies the needs of the saints" - 2Co 9:12

B. BOTH LOCALLY AND ABROAD...

1. As the church in Jerusalem cared for its own - cf. Ac 2,4,6
2. As the churches in Antioch, Macedonia, Achaia, and Galatia cared for those in Jerusalem and Judea - cf. Ac 11, Ro 15, 1Co 16

C. INCLUDING PREACHERS OF THE GOSPEL...

1. Who were certainly worthy of their support - 1Co 9:3-14
2. Paul received support from various churches - 2Co 11:8,9

III. BLESSINGS OF THE COLLECTION

A. THE GIVERS ARE BLESSED...

1. For it is more blessed to give than receive - Ac 20:35
2. Cheerful givers who sow bountifully will reap accordingly - 2Co 9:6-7

B. THE RECIPIENTS ARE BLESSED...

1. The needs of the saints are supplied - 2Co 9:12a
2. They are filled with praise to God and longing for their brethren - 2Co 9:13-14

C. GOD IS BLESSED...

IV. GUIDELINES FOR THE COLLECTION

A. WHEN TO GIVE...

1. On the first day of the week - 1Co 16:1
2. The day in which disciples came together to break bread - Ac 20:7

B. HOW TO GIVE...

1. Proportionately - as one may prosper - 1Co 16:2; 2Co 8:12-13
2. Willingly - with a willing mind, according to what one has - 2Co 8:12
3. Purposefully - with thought, as one purposes in his heart - 2Co 9:7
4. Cheerfully - not grudgingly, or of necessity - 2Co 9:7

C. EXAMPLES TO INSPIRE...

1. The Macedonians - who gave sacrificially, beyond their ability - 2Co 8:1-7
2. The Achaians - whose zeal stirred up many others to give - 2 Co 9:1-2

CONCLUSION

1. The practice of a weekly collection continued after the apostles died...
2. There is certainly good reason for it to continue today.