

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
- Linda Sullivan
- James Behnke mother
- 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

MEN TO SERVE

SONG LEADER - Nate Edwards

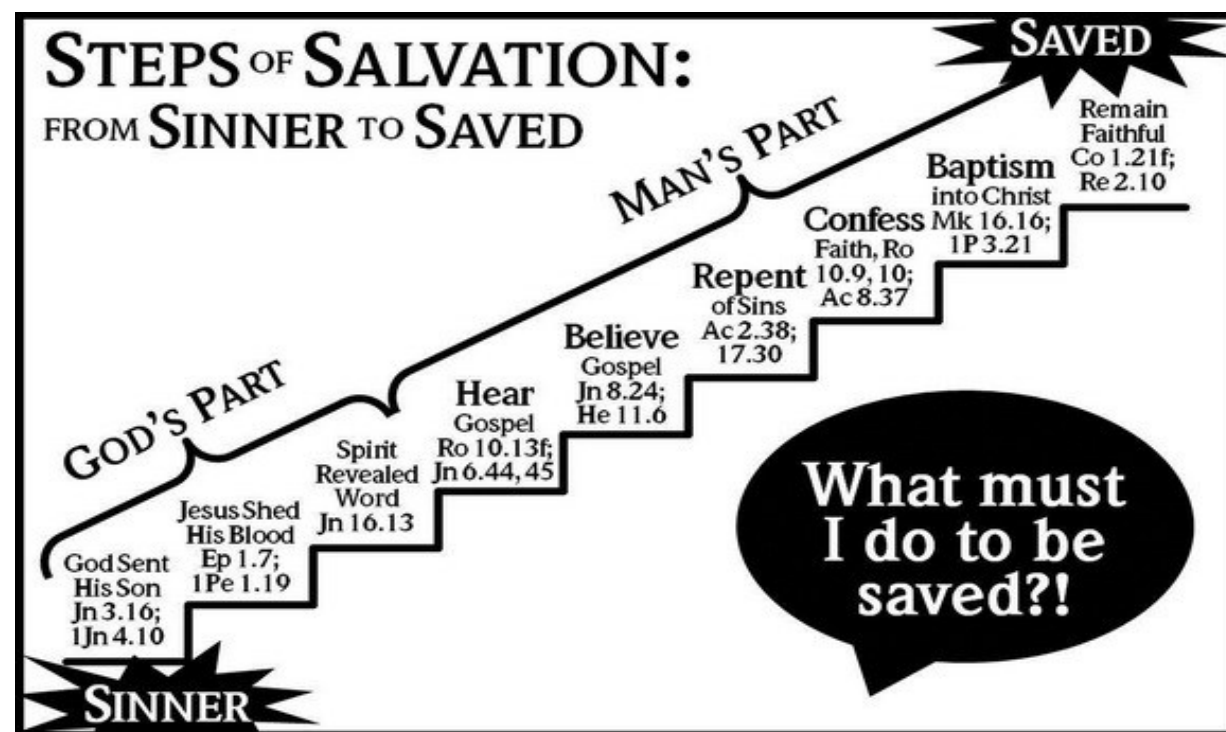
PM SONG LEADER - Congregational Sing

OPENING PRAYER - T.K. Edwards

HEAD TABLE - Cyric Edwards

SERVE - David Mayberry

CLOSING PRAYER - Mike McCool



THE ENCOURAGER

FRONT ROYAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 26, 2026

My Greatest Command

By Steve Higginbotham

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.

A little more than 150 years ago, General Robert E. Lee was camped approximately 10 miles from General Stonewall Jackson. Lee sent a message to Stonewall Jackson, informing him that he wanted to meet with him at his convenience.

The very next morning, while Lee was eating his breakfast, Jackson appeared at his tent, prepared for their meeting. Lee asked Jackson, "What are you doing here? I didn't mean for you to come immediately. It wasn't urgent. Did you not read what I said? I said, 'at your convenience.' You unnecessarily rode through a terrible snowstorm to get here." In defense of his actions, Stonewall Jackson responded, "General Lee, your slightest desire is my greatest command."

Friends, most of life's challenges and temptations could be defeated if we possessed the same attitude toward God. What better disciples would we be; what more committed soldiers in the Lord's army would we be if we decided to make God's "slightest wish our greatest desire."

Give it some thought.

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 fellowship hall at 10 a.m.
- ◆ Sunday afternoon service is at 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ 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**
- ◆ Terry & Jeanie Lichliter new phone # is 540-933-6032

THOUGHT OF TODAY

Have you ever thought about
this in Jeremiah 31:3?

The LORD appeared to him
from far away.
I have loved you with an
everlasting love;
therefore I have continued
my faithfulness to you.

July: Anniversaries

Art & Cindy - 7/3

July: Birthdays

Cindy Candenuist - 7/1

Christalyn Agyenim - 7/3

Jeanie Lichliter 7/21

BIBLE TRIVIA

What two men in the Old Testament loved each other
“surpassing the love of women”?

Answer to last week question:

How many brothers and sisters did Jesus have?
Four brothers and two or more sisters - Mark 6:3

Five Smooth Stones
(1 Samuel 17:40)

- Introduction:
1. Most people acquainted with the Bible know that the title of this lesson references an event in the account of David & Goliath.
 2. The question has often been asked, “If David had faith in God, then why did he take five stones, and not just one?”
 - a. Some, through speculation and no biblical justification say he took five stones because Goliath had four brothers.
 - b. Some have used this as a way to criticize David’s trust in God.
 3. May I suggest that this his choice is little more than “sanctified common sense,” and preparing himself to cooperate with God?
 4. Yes, the victory was God given, but only through the cooperation of David.
 5. Likewise, God is still working in this world, but he seeks our cooperation.
 6. The following “smooth stones” are ways that we can partner with God in accomplishing his purposes, even today.

- I. **Evangelism**
(Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-47; John 20:21).
(Romans 1:16).
(2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).
- II. **Truth**
(John 8:32).
(1 Timothy 4:16).
(Psalm 119:105).
- III. **Holiness**
(Hebrews 12:14).
(Romans 12:1-2).
(Philippians 2:15).
- IV. **Unity**
(John 17:20).
(Matthew 12:25).
(Ephesians 4:3).
- V. **Love**
(Matthew 22:34-40).
(Romans 2:4).

- Conclusion:
1. May we never forget that the victory of Jesus over Satan, life over death, and forgiveness over guilt is accomplished by God.
 2. However, may we fill our pouches with these “five smooth stones” and partner with God in this victory.