



"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" - Hebrews 6:19

# Welcome! We're glad you are here!

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## Putting Souls in Danger?

by Troy Spradlin

I was recently talking with one of my denominational friends who told me that I, "was wrong about what I believe." Now to be fair, he wasn't being hateful about it. In fact, he was very kind and sort of joking about it, so I smiled and rolled my eyes at him when he said it. He and I have had many religious conversations and he is very aware of where I stand concerning the doctrines of baptism and remaining faithful. But his comment got me thinking about "being wrong." That's an important point!

So, how does one determine what doctrine is right or wrong? When it comes to spiritual things, I believe the only way to determine that is by allowing the Bible to provide the answer. In this case, the answer has to do with the salvation of the soul, one's eternal destiny. Thus, here is an easy way to determine what is right or wrong, simply ask the question, "Which position puts a soul in danger?" The Bible gives us plenty of information on it.



### The Necessity of Baptism

My friend believes in baptism, but he doesn't think it is necessary for salvation (I still don't really understand how someone gets to that point). I believe what the Bible says, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21). So, which position puts a soul in danger?

If I get to heaven and find out that baptism wasn't necessary for salvation, what have I truly lost? Nothing. The Bible clearly says one must be baptized. It also gives us plenty of examples of conversions with baptism. So, I am not adding to or taking away anything from the word of God. If it isn't necessary to be saved, well then, I just simply got wet because I still believed, repented, and confessed Jesus in the salvation process. In the end, it won't effect the destiny of the soul, nor put it in danger. I have still fulfilled the Lord's command.

But if my friend is wrong, he has everything to lose because he did not fulfill all the commands of God. He in fact, deducted something from the Bible that it clearly talks about and demonstrates. His position puts one's soul in danger because they are missing that final step that God commanded. Worse, there will be no way to remedy the problem once we all are standing before the Judgment throne of God! (Revelation 20:12)

### Once Saved Always Saved

My friend also believes that one cannot lose their salvation. In other words, he believes you are eternally secure once you have submitted to Christ. I believe that even if you obey the Gospel, you can still "fall from grace" (Gal 5:4; Heb 6:6), and your soul can be in danger if you do not remain faithful (Revelation 2:10).

Again, what danger to the soul have I caused by saying one must remain obedient to God their whole life? I am not saying one is doing works to earn their salvation. I am saying you must simply always love God and your neighbor in obedience to His commands, if you want to arrive in heaven. If I get to heaven and God says, "You were eternally secure from the moment you obeyed the Gospel," what have I lost? Nothing.

If my friend is wrong about "once saved, always saved" and someone didn't take remaining faithful seriously, what have they lost? They have lost the opportunity of their soul entering heaven (Matt 7:21-23).

So, who is right and who is wrong? How about we let God decide through His inspired word?

# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

**SNAC**  
**SUNDAY NIGHT**  
**AFTER CHURCH**  
August 6 | Webb's

**Gulf Coast**  
**Area Wide**  
**Devotional**

August 13<sup>th</sup>  
Azalea City

**L2L Kickoff**

AUGUST 27TH  
AFTER PM SERVICES

**"I am not ashamed"**  
ROMANS 1:16

**PARENTING**  
**SEMINAR**  
**DECEMBER**  
**1-3**

**YG PARENT**  
**MEETING**

August 6 | 5 pm | Teen Room

**YG BIRTHDAY**  
**NIGHT**

Wed. August 16  
5 pm in the FH



**BIG EVENT REMINDERS**



**FUEL Retreat @ GCBC**  
November 10 - 12  
6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
Sign-up by October 8<sup>th</sup>

**exposure**  
YOUTH CAMP

**Exposure Youth Camp**  
December 27 - 30  
All ages are welcome  
Sign-up by October 8<sup>th</sup>

**JANUARY 12 - 14**

**MARGARET STREET**  
**MARRIAGE RETREAT**

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes! With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word." - Psalm 119:9-10



# CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

## Recent/Urgent Requests

- Patricia Ann\* - prayers, health (MZL)
- Terry Beaver family -loss of Terry (PaceCoC)
- Brooklyn Bostwick\* - prayers
- Mike Brown\* - stroke, recovery (frmer mem)
- Robbie Bullard-aneurysm/defect valve (Lee\*)
- Hatcher family\* - loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- Tara Henry\* - procedure, recovery
- Arva Fisher/family\*- loss of brother, George
- Stefanie Jennings\* - surgery, recovery
- Terry Jennings\*- medical complication
- Linda Loftin\* and family - loss of Jim\*
- Wendy Mauell\* - broken foot, recovery
- Larry McDaniel\*-SH ICU, kidney issues
- Donald McGriff\* - health, prayers
- Mary McGriff\*- back injection, recovery
- Elsa Nunes\* - loss of brother, Guillermo Deir
- Scott Shanahan - loss of father, Kevin
- Vonada family - loss of Troy\*
- Gloria Vonada\* - foot surgery / recovery

## 2023 Recently Baptized / Restored / Identified

- Brittany Parker\* - Baptized
- Dawson Hitchcock\* - Baptized
- Olivia Gingerich\* - Baptized
- Lanie Scott\* - Baptized
- Sharon Parker\* - Baptized
- Terry & Judy Jennings\* - Identified
- Josh & Stephanie Jennings\* - Identified
- Laura Oliver\*- Identified
- Jeremy & Amber Dunaway\* - Identified

## Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Sherryn Canniff - homebound
- Josie Coons - hospice (McReynolds\*)
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis\*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia\*- Fort Walton Beach
- Betty Lee - homebound (D. Lee's mom\*)
- Linda Mann\* - Shut In
- Ina Ruth Miller\*
- Ruth Phillips\*- Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines\* - Victorian Manor
- Mary Salinas\* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith (Jeanna's mom) - Shut In

## Other Requests / Health Issues

- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Sharon Ates - recovery (Gallagher\*)
- Bob Black - health (Lipford\*)
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Winston Burnham\* - health
- Sherryn Canniff\*- health, pain
- Janice Carter\* - tests, waiting on results
- Robert Collins - foot problem (J.Pace cousin)
- Sherry Davis\* - health
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire\*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee\* mom)
- Myrna Fuller\* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Dixie Gorham - recovery - heart failure
- Donald Hamilton-surgery, recover (McGriff)
- Daphne Hamilton - surgeries, health
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Steve Hartzog - health issues(Alonna's friend)
- Barbara Helms\*- health
- Chris Hollis - (McGriff)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's\* friend)
- Marcia Jones - (Kenya's\* friend)
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes\*)
- Martin family\* - prayers
- Vicente Martinez - kidney transplant
- Mary McGriff\* - health, asthma
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth\*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes\*)
- Elsa Nunes\* - health, fell in the past. recovery
- Patsy Prince - (Burnham\*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher\*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott\*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia\*)
- August Smith -cleft palate (J.English\*)
- Zylar Thompson - rescheduled surgery
- Jan Whitney\* - heart procedure, recovery
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## Military

- Shanahans\* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

## Cancer

- Kandi Armand - (Bostwick\*)
- Ron Bartanen\* - cancer
- Darlene Baxley\* - spread to her spine
- Darrell Bozeman\*
- Misty Bray\* - (Bird\*)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott\*)
- Mark Carlson - (C.Davis\*)
- Tish Clark - (Hatcher\*)
- Jack Davis\*
- Pat Deforest\*
- Eddie English - (R.English\*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley\*)
- Ricky Jenning - (McGriff\*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff\*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley\*)
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell\*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey\*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill\*)
- Connie Moore - (Fulton\*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin\* friend)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher\*)
- Megan Sanders - brain cancer (Blisse\*)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley\* - good news!
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff\*)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton\*)
- Donnie Turner- cancer (Helms\*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English\*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (former mem.)
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

## Military

- Nick Bartell - Ft. Walton Beach
- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Japan
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey\* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kansas

## Students in College

- Seth Crider
- Stephen English
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Jackson Lash
- Caleb Owens
- Nick Webb
- Reed Wilson
- Lexi Wildes

## Directory Pictures

Make up pictures will be TODAY in the Library right after AM Services!

Dane Harrington (Deacon)

Mason Chandler

Trevor and Brooklyn Bostwick

Sharon Parker



# SERVING WITH HONOR

## SUNDAY, JULY 23

### MORNING

Opening Prayer ..... Matthew Henry  
 Song Director ..... Blake Hatcher  
 Sermon ..... Nick Bartell  
 ..... "The Family of God"  
 Scripture Reading ..... Jared Lee  
 ..... Luke 8:9-21  
 Closing Prayer ..... Rick Bird

### Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Josh Jennings ..... Judsen Jennings  
 Cooper Jennings ..... Brody Crider  
 ..... Seth Crider (Balcony)  
 Comments ..... David English

### EVENING

Opening Prayer ..... Doug Lee  
 Singing ..... Brody Crider  
 Scripture ..... Jak Gallagher  
 ..... John 15:1-8  
 Comments ..... David English

### Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep ..... Chandler family  
 PowerPoint ..... Lori Mense  
 Greeters ..... Mason Chandler  
 Secure Building ..... Rick Bird

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Summer Series ..... Trevor Smoot  
 ..... Creation  
 Song Director ..... Elliot Wilson  
 Opening Prayer ..... John Pace

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class ..... 184  
 AM Worship ..... 247  
 PM Worship ..... 122  
 Wed. Night Bible Class ..... 154  
 Contribution ..... \$9,172

### TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class ..... 9:00 am  
 Sunday AM Worship ..... 10:00 am  
 Sunday PM Classes, Worship . 6:00 pm  
 Wednesday PM Bible Class ..... 6:30 pm

## Visitors:

**Thank you for coming!**  
**You are our honored guest!**

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

***Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!***

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is Thursday, by noon.
- If interested in utilizing the library, please reserve with Blisse or Lisa for Bible studies, meetings, etc.
- Apologetics Press Study Bibles available for purchase - see Blisse.

### BENEVOLENCE



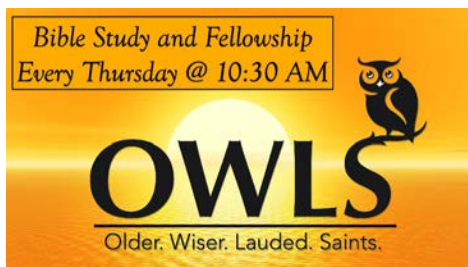
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## FOOD PANTRY

Food Pickup : 8/8 @ 9:30 AM  
 Preparing Boxes:  
 8/9 @ 5:30 PM  
 8/10 @ 9:30 AM  
 Distribution : 8/10 @ 2:30 PM  
 Please consider donating travel size toiletries!!

### EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



Bible Study and Fellowship  
 Every Thursday @ 10:30 AM

# OWLS

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