

Who Should Be Baptized?

Adapted from Moises Pinedo’s Apologetics Press Article 4-12-09

The question of who should be baptized often sparks debate, with some relying on human opinions, scholars, or traditions. However, the Bible is the final authority. So, who are the true candidates for baptism?

Those Who Have Sinned

Sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). Paul wrote, “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). James added that failing to do known good is sin (James 4:17). Everyone of accountable age sins, and baptism is directly tied to forgiveness. Peter told the Jews who crucified Jesus, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized... for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38). Acts 22:16 and 1 Peter 3:21 confirm that baptism washes away sins. Candidates for baptism understand sin, its consequences, their need for forgiveness, and are willing to repent.

Those Who Believe

Biblical baptism requires faith. Jesus said, “He who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16). In Acts 2:37-41, Jews who believed Peter’s preaching were baptized. Acts 8:12 notes that Samaritans who “believed Philip... concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ” were baptized. Similarly, Acts 18:8 states that Corinthians who heard, believed, and were baptized. In the New Testament, only believers were baptized—not based on others’ faith or “the faith of the church,” as some traditions claim. Hebrews 11:6 emphasizes that coming to God requires belief in Him and His rewards.

Those Who Repent

Baptism candidates must desire and be able to repent. John the Baptist urged, “Bear fruits worthy of repentance” (Matthew 3:8). Jesus called for repentance and obedience (Mark 1:15). Peter instructed, “Repent and be baptized” for forgiveness (Acts 2:38). Paul said God commands all to repent (Acts 17:30), and Peter noted God desires all to reach repentance (2 Peter 3:9). Repentance is a change of heart and mind to reject sin and follow Christ, not a prolonged process. In the New Testament, believers repented and were baptized immediately. For example, Paul, after repenting of persecuting the church, was baptized (Acts 22:16). The Jews at Pentecost, after repenting, were baptized (Acts 2:38-41). Others, like those in Acts 8:12-13 and 16:30-33, were baptized promptly after belief and repentance. If, however, repentance in a particular case requires a rejection of ongoing sin (such as an unscriptural marriage), repentance may take longer. Those who recognize the salvation promised in baptism will respond quickly even when repentance promises to be difficult.

Those Who Commit to Live for Christ

Baptism is for those committed to following Christ, not those unwilling to change their sinful ways or keep God’s commands. Jesus instructed His disciples to baptize and teach others to “observe all things that I have commanded” (Matthew 28:20). Acts 2:42 shows that baptized believers continued in the faith. Jesus told the church in Smyrna, “Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Revelation 2:10). Baptism requires a lifelong commitment to Christ.

Conclusion

The Gospel must be preached (Mark 16:15), heard (Romans 10:17), believed (Mark 1:15), and obeyed (Romans 10:16). Those who should be baptized are sinners who understand their lost state, believe the Gospel, repent, and commit to living for Christ. Baptism, as an act of faith and obedience, brings God’s forgiveness and salvation (1 Peter 3:21).



On Our Prayer List...

Becky Palk–Upcoming tests    Martha Durham    Bertha Bradford-home from hospital  
Diane Curtis-recovering fr eye surg    Kathy Martin    Betty Suddeath    Michelle Lashlee  
Al & Vicki Peek    W. R. Long    Jim Tyler    Marvin England

**SURGERIES:** Wayne Vaughn –home recovering    Hattie Tate-recovering from surgery    Joyce Long-next eye surgery May 6th.

*Jo Hall- Jimmy & Ronnie Tyler's sister-heart problems *Mack Winstead-requesting prayers *Shane Cobb-(Louise's son) in Horizon Rehab, room 4 *Terry England-(Marvin's nephew) stroke-on life support. **Mike Gunn-home recovering from neck surg. **Steve Peyton-(Peyton family requesting prayers)been diagnosed with Cirrhosis of the liver-running tests to see if a good candidate for a liver transplant.In Washington State *Carolyn Wilson-(Madison's grandmother) requesting prayers.    *Claude Hurt *Josh Barnett-(Charlotte Heights CoC Minister)benign brain tumor@treatments *Mark Long-(Jane Riding's nephew) now home-@ follow-up Doctor appts. *Dick Acuff-(Joan Long Acuff's husb/Dwight&Connie's cousin) crushed vertebrae *Thelma Davidson-(Gwen Bullington's sister) having problems from lupus *Chase Lewis-(Vicki Peek's family) having problems from lupus *Suzanne Boyd-(John& Erin's friends) baby –now home @ feeding tube. *Ralph Simpson- back in the hosp *Doug Simpson-heart -(Ruby England's brothers) *Whitney(Bullion)Sager. -home recovering *Stephanie Greene-(Mike's sister)needs prayers *Charles Miles-recovering fr a fall + heart issues *Marcia Simpson-(Mike Burn's aunt) now home./ *Alyssa Gold-(Robert Proctor's niece) in need of prayers *Faye Marshall-Traci Adams mom / Victor Mandeville(BC student) needs prayers	THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER *KENNY FLEMING–cancer meds *JIMMY PHY-CA treat-ments *ROY DELOACH, JR-(Roy's son) pancreatic cancer *HUDSON JONES-{2yr old son of Dan & Catherine, Walnut St COC– has Leukemia} *DAVID NOWLIN-CA treatments-WCOC Elder *DONNA BURNS-WAYNE&ANN BERRYMAN'S NIECE)-CA *WANDA DOBBINS-(kin to Tyler's)terminal CA *JACKIE BORDERS- Lauren Stuart's mom *ROBERT GARDNER(Friend of Bill Williams) CA *RANAE DUNCAN-(Bo&Amy's neighbor)CA treat-ments *CASEY VAILES-(Ranae Duncan's son)also has cancer **LARRY HAYES-(fr Waverly COC) restarted chemo *MAGGIE WRIGHT-(friend of N. Buttrey) chemo *BARBARA BUCCIARELLI-CA-from Tennessee
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**ASSISTED LIVING/ NURSING HOME:** Humphreys County NH 104 Fort Hill Rd., Waverly, TN 37185June Dreaden- Rm 204

AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons,TN 38363-Wyle Marshall (Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad

NHC–812 N.Charlotte, Dickson,TN 37055- JoAnn Haley    Doris Stokes-R127

**AT HOME:** JIMMY MULLINICKS-56 Mike Street/JANE RIDINGS-172 Indian Ck Rd/ ELTON SMITH-7731 Hwy 70E

Address needs to have everything listed for Eric to receive: Dickson County Jail/James Eric Warden-ID102618/ POBox 76550/Highland Heights, KY 41076

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS		Please note: We are now providing most of our announcements before each of our services on Powerpoint, along with our pew announcement sheet, you can pick up, which will allow us more time for our worship.
 June 8th-12th NEEDS 6' or smaller Christmas trees	Reminder: If you haven't returned your Christian week sheet to Mike Robertson,	
You're Invited! Haley is graduating from Trevecca Nazarene University with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She's completed her degree in just 3 years! Join us as we celebrate her accomplishments with a Graduation Party on Saturday, May 10th at the McEwen Church of Christ Fellowship Room from 2 till 4, come and go. RSVP via text to Susie at 931-622-6333.	<b>Elders, Deacons, Preachers meeting Sunday May11th @ 5:00</b>  Our sympathy & prayers to the families of Betty Rumsey, Dorothy Killebrew, & Clay Chandler in their passing this past week	

**IN F.O.C.U.S.** Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

All was quiet on the youth activities front last week. But no need to fear, we will ramp back up this weekend with a devotional Sunday night that will be hosted by Thomas and Ayla Cook. Sunday morning, we will honor our high school seniors by recognizing them and presenting them with a bible. This will take place before our morning worship begins. The seniors are down to 2 weeks left and the rest of the kids have only 3 weeks left. This school year has gone by so fast!

Our yearly zoo trip will be on May 30<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer, please sign up as soon as you can. There will be more information soon regarding this trip.

In Christian Love, Keith

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2025

Welcome .....Barry Phy  
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster  
1<sup>st</sup> Prayer.....Ronnie Tyler  
Sermon.....John Jones  
Lord's Table.....Dwight Stuart  
Wayne Coates Calvin Buckner  
Mike Tyler Terry Parchman  
Brent Davis Derek Berryman  
Closing Prayer.....Mike Robertson  
Collect Cards.....Luke Jones  
& Caleb Coates  
Greeters..... Not at this time  
Nursery..... Not at this time  
Collect Cups.....Youth  
Security.....Team #4

### Sunday 6PM, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2025

Lead Singing..... Mark Forster  
Prayer.....Jimmy Suddeath  
Sermon.....John Jones  
Lord's Table.....Keith Grigsby  
Ethan Tummins  
Closing Prayer.....John Potter

### Wednesday 6:30 PM, May 14<sup>th</sup> 2025

Lead Singing.....Andrew Peyton  
Prayer.....Mark Forster  
Adult Class.....Bruce Mayfield

\*If you are unable to serve...please contact Wade Tummins in advance. (cell 931-209-6291)

\*If changes need to be made in scheduling please contact Jimmy Phy.

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### OUR RECORDS for 5/4/2025

Sunday Morning Bible School	— — — — —	105
Sunday Morning Worship	— — — — —	180
Sunday Evening Worship	— — — — —	87
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study	— — — — —	113
Sunday Contribution	— — — — —	\$9,234



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And Peter said to them,

**REPENT** and be  
**BAPTIZED**

every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ  
for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will  
receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

Bible Study.....9:00am  
Worship.....10:00am  
Evening.....6:00pm

#### Wednesday

Bible Study.....6:30pm

#### Elders:

Calvin Buckner

Billy Buttrey Bruce Mayfield  
W.R. Long Mike Robertson

#### Deacons:

Derek Berryman Mike Burns  
Wayne Coates Mark Forster  
John Hurt Barry Phy  
Robert Proctor James Ridings  
Joe Smith Dwight Stuart  
Ethan Tummins Wade Tummins  
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