



CONTINUING THE SERMON SERIES, "THE CHURCH THAT JESUS BUILT":

# Baptism

## Why, Who, and How

ACTS 8:26-39; ROMANS 6:1-11

**FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

9:00 AM

**Worship Service**

*Streaming Live on YouTube*

10 Minutes After Service

**Sunday School**

*45 Minute Classes*

6:30 PM

**Evening Service  
& Youth Groups**

*OUR MISSION: To preach and teach the word of God so that all people can recognize the need for salvation and having a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We seek to meet needs as they arise and provide opportunities for service in God's Kingdom so that those who are saved will be encouraged to continue to grow in their relationship with Him.*



## SOMETHING FROM SAM

**Good morning! —**

This morning's sermon is the third in a series entitled, "The Church that Jesus Built". My goal throughout this series is simply to share what the bible says about the Church that Jesus **HAS** built and **CONTINUES** to build. Last week, we looked at the "Membership Requirements" for the church Jesus has built as we focused mostly on Acts 2, where Peter used "the keys to the kingdom" that Jesus had given to him to unlock the doors to the church. We learned that salvation comes only because of the **GRACE** of God and that we must respond to that grace with faith in Jesus as "**The Christ** (Messiah or Savior), **the Son of the Living God!**" According to Jesus, salvation by faith includes repentance, confession, and baptism. In today's message, we will look at a subject that can sometimes be controversial in the church, especially as it relates to the membership requirements of the Church of Christ. We will be focused on what the Bible and the Bible only says about "Baptism: Why, Who, And How". Just what does the New Testament teach concerning **WHY** a person should be baptized, **WHO** is a candidate for baptism, and **HOW** should a person be baptized. Stay tuned! May we all continue to **STAY FAITHFUL** and keep **PRaising the Name of Jesus!**

Sam

## EVENING SERVICE

Continuing the sermon series from Malachi:  
**Being a Covenant Keeper** *Malachi 2:10-16*

## SERMON NEXT SUNDAY

Continuing the sermon series, "The Church That Jesus Built": **Let's Get Organized** *Acts 6:1-6; 11:29-30; 14:23; 20:17, 28, Titus 1:5*

## WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

**Sam Dunn**

PRAISE & WORSHIP

COMMUNION MEDITATION

**Doug Felumlee**

Christians partake in **silent** meditation.  
(Communion cups are available in the lobby)

OFFERING

(An offering box is located in the hallway outside of the sanctuary or online giving is available on our website)

SERMON

**Sam Dunn**

(Jr. Church, Wee Church, and Nursery are dismissed)

INVITATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING PRAYER

**Tyler Watson**

### NURSERY (*Infants-2 yrs*)

This Sunday:

Lashley, Jade & Jayla Hess,  
Elise Morton

Next Sunday:

Becky & Kathy King, Gwen  
Morton, Rebecca Williams

### WEE CHURCH (*3 yrs-Kindergarten*)

This Sunday:

Hannah & Trevor Sowers,  
Kerrigan Lonas

Next Sunday:

Stacey Dawkins  
Kim Wilson

### JR. CHURCH (*1st-5th Grades*)

This Sunday:

Richard & Owen Watson

Next Sunday:

Matt & Kaci Martin

### SOUND ROOM

This Sunday:

Paul Robinson

Next Sunday:

Paul Robinson

### FEBRUARY COUNTERS

Doug Felumlee & Brad Hess

**Communion Meditation Next Sunday:** Joel Ayers



## TYLER'S COLUMN

Good Morning,

This evening, we are jumping back into our series, "Familiar Stories, Deeper Truths." Between the snowstorm, new member dinner, and Super Bowl party, it has been a few weeks since we have met for a regular night. As we dive in this evening, we will be looking at the book of Jonah. This is certainly a familiar story, but it is one that is so much deeper than a fish and a few days under water. This is a story that relates very well to our society today. Doors open at 6 PM, game and lesson start at 6:30.

### TEEN YOUTH GROUP (6th-12th Grade)

**Familiar Stories, Deeper Truths—Jonah**

### ELEMENTARY YOUTH GROUP (K-5th Grade)

6:30-7:30 PM

### COMMUNITY PROJECT:

New Tennis & Pickleball Courts in Dresden!

Lori Hudson is working hard to secure grant funding to build two tennis courts and four pickleball courts in a combined facility right in front of the Dresden Swim Center parking lot. This prime location offers easy access from the pool, nearby schools, and the senior center—perfect for families, youth, seniors, and everyone in between! These courts would promote health, fun, and community connection through popular, inclusive sports.

Lori needs your help! Letters of support from the community are encouraged for the grant application (due March 1). If you'd like to show your support, please write a brief letter (handwritten is fine!) and drop it off at the church.



### EVENT CALENDAR

#### February

<b>15</b> Sun	7:45 PM	Board Meeting
<b>22</b> Sun	5:00 PM	Outreach Team Meeting
<b>22</b> Sun	7:45 PM	Elders Meeting
<b>28</b> Sat	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

#### March

<b>1</b> Sun	6:00 PM	Congregational Meeting & Election of Officers
<b>13</b> Fri	11:00 AM	Blood Drive
<b>14</b> Sat	6:30 PM	Lego Bingo

For more details on upcoming events, visit our website [meadowviewchurch.com](http://meadowviewchurch.com) and "Like" us on Facebook

# Baptism in the New Testament – Why, Who, and How

Acts 8:26-39; Romans 6:1-11

**I don't know of any church that does not teach "baptism" in some form and for some reason since it is obvious that Jesus Himself commanded it. The confusion lies with the Why, Who, and How of baptism. So let's get into God's Word and answer three questions about baptism.**

- I. Why should a person be baptized? – Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16 – There are many reasons, but let's focus in on three found in the New Testament:
  - A. A person is baptized for the forgiveness of sins. – Acts 2:38; 22:16 (Remember that 1 John 1:9 is written to Christians)
  - B. A person is baptized to be buried with Christ in His death and be raised in the likeness of His resurrection. – Romans 6:3-5 – Paul is not JUST teaching symbolism. He is teaching that it is participation. – also see Romans 6:17-18
  - C. **A person is to be baptized because "baptism now saves you".** – 1 Peter 3:18-21 Also see Matthew 3:17; John 3:3-5; Colossians 2:12; Galatians 3:26-27
- II. Who is a candidate for baptism?
  - A. Every baptism in the N.T. was a result of that person making their own decision to be baptized (there are 10 examples in the book of Acts alone)!
  - B. Babies are not born guilty and sinful, thus do not need to be baptized. There is absolutely no record of any infants being baptized in the New Testament.
  - C. The final conclusion from the teaching of the New Testament is that baptism only applies to adults and to children who are old enough to know what they are doing.
- III. How is a person to be baptized? There are two main reasons for the fact that immersion in water is the only New Testament way for a person to be baptized.
  - A. **The literal meaning of the Greek word "Baptizo" is to dip, plunge, or immerse.**
  - B. The symbolism of baptism requires immersion. – Romans 6:3-11; Colossians 2:12

Conclusion: The example found in Acts 8:26-39: While Philip was preaching, the Ethiopian eunuch asked to be baptized. Why? (Also see Ephesians 4:5) **The eunuch's question about baptism was the response of a non-Christian seeking to become a Christian!** – Are YOU saved and a part of the family of God?

## Continuing Prayers

Our Church  
Our College Students  
Our Nation & Leaders  
Meadow View Preschool Ministry  
Kids Hope USA Ministry  
LifeWise Academy  
U.S. Military Troops  
Unspoken Requests

## Grieving

The Andrew McGee family  
The Don Rohrer family

## Other/Unknown

Kolten Hanby  
Ben & Aubrey Painter & family

## Missions

AIM Outreach Food Pantry  
ARM Prison Ministry - Joe Garman  
Bolivia - John Lecey  
**Christian Children's Home of Ohio**  
Christian Missions of South India -  
Lydia Abbott  
CRAM - C.Y. Kim  
The Crossover Cups Mission -  
Dominican Republic - Mike Williams  
Heartbeats Muskingum County  
Herko Family Mission - Jamaica  
KYOWVA - Rase Martin  
New Zealand Rechurch -  
Nate & Whitney Hutchison  
Ninos de Baja  
NPEA  
Overcomers in India - Binoy &  
Rebecca Thomas  
Teach Beyond - Riley Hanby

## Military &

### First Responders

Tim Baker  
Annie Brock  
Seth Brock  
Aubrey Brocklehurst  
Alan Cass  
Carol Cass  
Cooper Cass  
Brittany Curry  
Gage Dinan  
Dominic Dotson  
D.J. Eclebery  
Gideon Eddy  
Dustin Eveland  
Heath Hall  
Keith Hane  
Marcus Hawkins  
Claire Henry  
Major Henry  
Jeremiah Hindel  
Adam Kapfhamer  
Kaden Lawler  
Tristan Martin  
Hayden Meek  
Ryan Metcalf  
Jeremy Montgomery  
Dean Moore  
Conner Moran  
David Parmiter  
Matthew Parmiter  
Levi S. Patterson  
David Perry  
Cody Rankin  
Lincoln Rhodes  
Joshua Richardson  
Naomi Romaine  
Enrique Sealy  
Trevor Smith  
Bre Strock  
Nate Strock  
Kaine Tignor  
Jesse Timmons  
Damien Vickers  
Hallie Vickers  
Steven Walker

## Health Problems

Anthony – colostomy bag  
Bob Adelsberger – in hospice care  
Dr. Bill Allen – cancer  
Mary Lou Ashcraft – hip issues  
Kason Brooks  
Liz Carpenter – leg issues  
Terri Conley – in palliative care  
Neal Dailey – **Guillain Barre' Syndrome**  
Penny Farley – lung cancer  
David Garber – recovering from back surgery  
Vanessa Hartrum – tooth issue  
Larry Heim  
Jayla Hess – Juvenile Dermatomyositis (JDM)  
Mandy Hoadley – upcoming surgery  
Kurt Hough – cancer  
Betty Jenkins  
Mindy Jenkins – recovering from foot surgery  
Lee Kirk – mesothelioma  
Linzee Knox  
Cindy (Rector) Lucas – cancer  
Cheree Lybarger – recovering from surgery  
Travis Lybarger – recovering from liver  
transplant surgery  
Caitlyn Mahon  
Tanner McDonald  
Haili McMannis – recovering from wrist surgery  
Judy Merkle – back  
Nola Minor – lung cancer  
Amy Moore – hip replaced 1/12  
Lindsay Moore  
Andy Moran – cancer  
Lisa Motsch – breast cancer  
Megan Myers – hernia & stomach ulcer  
Tom Newland – recovering from surgery  
Karen Potts – cancer  
Cathy Ross – cancer  
Nancy Ross – recovering from a stroke  
Ken Seaman  
Delores Secrist – asthma issues  
Linda Snowden – cancer  
Joy Spears  
Marilyn Spiker – recovering from breast cancer  
Marlene Swartz – leukemia  
Eric Waltemire – leukemia  
Clark Watson – skin sore  
Rick Wheeler – shoulder surgery  
Steve Zabrowski – head and arm injuries

*\* Due to be removed - Names will be removed after 4 weeks unless we receive a request that they remain on.*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Adults** | Bill Harper (*Right Back Hallway Classroom*)

### **The Book of John**

**Adults** | Dan Painter (*Left Back Hallway Classroom*)

### **Instructions concerning the Tabernacle**

**Adults** | Jason Postle (*Fireside Classroom—Middle of Back Hallway*)

### **Apostolic Examples in Acts**

**Young Adults (UNDER 30)** | Tony Barrell (*New Classroom on Right*)

### **The Book of Judges**

**6th-12th** | Tyler Watson

### **Finding Jesus in the Old Testament**

**4th-5th** | Teresa Watson

**1st-3rd** | Traci Hanby

**PreK-K** | Christi Ridenour

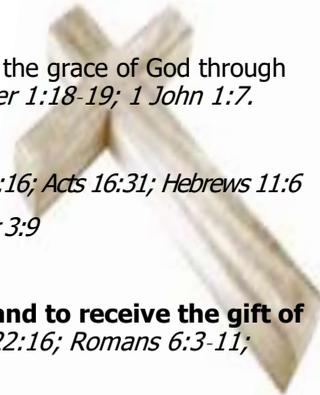
**Nursery** | The Houghs

## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

The Bible teaches that salvation and the forgiveness of sins is achieved only by the grace of God through the blood of Jesus Christ. *Matthew 26:28; Romans 5:9; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7.*

The Bible teaches that one receives God's grace by:

- 1) **Having faith in Christ, trusting Him as both Lord and Savior.** *John 3:16; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 11:6*
- 2) **Repenting from sin.** *Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38, 17:30; 2 Corinthians 7:10; 2 Peter 3:9*
- 3) **Confessing Christ.** *Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:37; Romans 10:9-10*
- 4) **Being immersed (baptized) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** *Mark 16:16; Matthew 28:18-20; John 3:3, 5; Acts 2:38, 22:16; Romans 6:3-11; Galatians 3:26-27; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21*



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#### **LAST WEEK:**

Church Attendance: 321

Last Year's Attendance: 283

Church Offering: \$11,155.56

Sunday School Attendance: 100

Sunday School Offering: \$35.00

Weekly Need: \$11,116.00

New Building Fund: \$441,113

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