

Why Baptism?

Introduction

Baptism as an act of faith – it affirms the cross.

Eph. 4:4-6.

- I. Significant texts:
 - a. Acts 2:38.
 - i. Just out of the Gospels and we meet baptism in a significant way.
 - ii. Some say, “Because (instead of for) your sins are forgiven.”
 - b. 1 Cor. 1:13-17.
 - i. Some would argue from this paragraph that baptism isn’t very important to Paul.
 - ii. Paul is insisting that only the name of Jesus is worthy of our allegiance.
 - c. Gal. 3:26-27.
 - i. In Galatians 2, Paul is vigorously preaching “saved by grace not works” and he brings baptism into the picture.
 - ii. Baptism joins\unites us with Christ.
 - iii. Eph. 4:4-6.
 - d. Col. 2:12.
 - i. Baptism as an expression of faith.
 - ii. That’s why we don’t baptize infants.
 - e. Tit. 3:4-7.
 - i. Baptism associated with salvation.
 - ii. We see the working of God in a renewed, changed life.
 - f. 1 Peter 3:21.
 - i. God uses water to transport Noah from an old world of sin to a new creation.
 - ii. It is also an appeal of the heart for cleansing by his grace.
- II. Three things about baptism.
 - a. It is a request for newness – we need recreated!
 - b. It is a declaration of faith – you can have faith without allegiance!
 - c. It is a pledge of allegiance.

Conclusion

Mark 16:15-16

COUNTRY CLUB ROAD
CHURCH of CHRIST

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Sunday Worship (10:00 & 4:00)
Sunday Bible Study (9:00)
Wednesday Bible Study (6:30)
Life Groups (Various Locations)

Ministers:

Doug Austin & Michael Nelson

Elders:

Davis Bennett - Tim Dunnahoo
Wayne Fenter - Jerry McCormack
Lee Rogers - David West

Elder Chairman of the Month:

Jerry McCormack

OUR MISSION

*To seek and save the lost through
evangelism, benevolence, and edification.*
-Luke 19:10

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Country Club Road Church of Christ

Worship Order – August 30, 2020

Welcome: Michael Nelson

Family Blessing: Michael Nelson & Doug Austin

Song Leader: Wayne Fenter

Songs: 4 – Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing

808 – We’re Marching to Zion

1 – To God Be the Glory

111 – His Grace Reaches Me

398 – The Way of the Cross Leads Home

Communion Song: 322 – By Christ Redeemed

Communion Thought: David West

Song: 532 – Let the Redeemed

Sermon: Doug Austin – “Why Baptism?”

Invitation Song: 925 – I Am Resolved

Closing Song: 749 – Onward, Christian Soldiers

Closing Prayer: Mark Woody

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Prayer Requests

- **Audrey Davee** had hernia surgery on Wednesday. She has returned home and is slowly recovering.
- **Jim West**, David West’s father, fell on Tuesday and hit his head. He is currently in ICU at Covenant in Lubbock.
- Former member **Jerry Stanley** is not doing well. He remains at an assisted living facility in North Carolina.
- Former member **Glen Browning** was recently released from a Lubbock area hospital due to dehydration. He is now in rehab.

Continue in Prayer

Rosemary O’Neal, Bill Linder, Anita Zuniga, Clara O’Neil, Wanda Walker, Jean Brooks, Tim Miller, Mary Lou Hall, Jerry Stanley, Larry Williams, Ray & Joanne Magness, Vickie Gove, Lindal Nelson, Sam & Pat Gentry, Cheryl Ringheimer, Vince Bergman, Red & Marcine McDaniel

Please take a moment to lift up our kids, teachers & administrators during these unique & challenging days of educating!

“Hold on to instruction; don’t let go. Guard it, for it is your life.”
-Proverbs 4:13

Life@CCR

- **The Elders would like to remind everyone to use the hand sanitizing stations in the building (1-by nursery; 1-by library; 1- gym foyer; 1-foyer table). In addition, they would like to encourage mask wearing when interacting with one another. If we remain vigilant, maybe we can beat this thing!**
- Our sympathy is extended to the family of Carmen Weaver, sister of **Billie Elkins**. Carmen passed away on Wednesday morning due to complications from Covid-19.
- Parents, don’t forget about the Journeyland Zoom meeting, taking place each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Be sure and look for the link emailed out by Melissa! If you have any questions, please call Melissa at 575-910-6257.



*While shower plans for Anna were well underway,
The coronavirus pandemic got in the way.
We had hoped to reschedule and set a different date,
But decided it best to put off the long wait.
So, to commemorate the occasion when the Ingalls said,
“I do,”
Just look for the table where gifts can be brought to.
Amazon & Target is where you will find their registration...
Thanks in advance for making accommodations!*

For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class.....--/25
Sunday AM/PM Worship.....135/30
Weekly Contribution.....\$4,880

Week @ a Glance
Celebrations & Happenings

30th	Tune into a.m. worship via 106.5 or Facebook Live!
1st	Koko Blackwell, Arriana Van Winkle & A.J. Porte’s b-day.
2nd	Wednesday evening worship @ 6:30 p.m.
3rd	Billie Elkin’s b-day.
4th	Kevin Fenter’s b-day.

Pantry Items Needed: Canned milk, Macaroni & Cheese, Saltine crackers, Spaghetti pasta

*If you have unused, unwanted toiletry items or hotel toiletry items, oftentimes these can be useful for benevolence purposes. Feel free to place any donations in the large basket in the foyer!

Life Group Study Questions

1. Anyone willing to share their baptism story?
2. Describe some of the different views of baptism that are floating around in Christendom?
3. How would you tell someone about baptism if they had never heard of the concept before?
4. Historically there has been a lot of fighting and controversy about baptism, why? Is a proper doctrine of baptism worth it? Why do some not think it is necessary?
5. What gives baptism its “saving power?” Do we really believe that baptism has saving power?
6. What is the significance of the Great Commission for the doctrine of baptism?
7. Why would a church not want to follow a Biblical view of baptism?

Thank You Notes Received

CCR Family,
I want to thank you for the prayers, cards & phone calls following my recent surgery. I really do appreciate it.
In Him, Anita Zuniga

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the phone calls and cards we’ve received in recent days, and especially for the prayers. Hopefully, we are both on the mend, but it’s a slow process, so please continue to pray for us, especially for “patience.” In Him, Clayton & Marcine
P.S. A special thanks to Jacob & Michael for improved viewing & sound of services!

Those Scheduled to Serve

Deacons on Duty: Kent Taylor, Phil Sexton, Dale Rogers

Men on Duty: Alan Warboys, Rodney Rogers, Clayton McDaniel, Kevin McCormack, Thomas Beard, Mac Rogers

Greeters: George & Mary Archuleta, Loyd & Rita Hughes