#### Why Do We Practice Baptism?

- Common views about baptism.
- What does Jesus practice and say about the II. doctrine of baptism?
  - a. The baptism of Jesus Matthew 3:13-17.
  - b. The Great Commission Matthew 28:18-20.
    - i. "Into the name" at that time was a business term that meant to "come under different management."
    - ii. In baptism the believer makes a public statement that says we are under a new master.
  - c. Great Commission #2 Mark 16:15-16.
    - i. By identifying with his death and resurrection we can experience the victory that Jesus experienced.
    - ii. Baptism is the visible expression of faith in the Gospel of Jesus.
  - d. Discussion with Nicodemus John 3:3-5.
    - i. Here is why: men don't need a little religion, they need regeneration! They need to be recreated on the inside by the presence of God.
    - ii. Col. 2:12.
  - e. Acts 16:29-34.
- A couple of things about what baptism proclaims:
  - a. It proclaims the Gospel is true because Jesus is the perfect Son of God.
    - i. 1 Cor. 15:1-5.
    - ii. Rom. 6:3-5.
    - iii. Every time someone is baptized the Gospel is preached all over again.
  - b. It proclaims that salvation is ours because Christ is our Savior.
    - i. Eph. 2:8-9.
    - ii. Baptism endorses this scripture!
    - iii. Baptism is something done to you by the Father.

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**Life Groups** (Various Locations) Sunday Bible Study (9:00 a.m.) Wednesday Bible Study (6:30)

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Tim Dunnahoo



## April 18, 2024, Volume LVI No. 16 The Encourager Country Club Road Church of Christ

Song Leader: Wayne Fenter

Song:

Welcome: Marco Ramirez

Songs:

**Communion Song:** 

Communion Offering: Denny Gumfory

Song:

Sermon: Doug Austin - "Why Do We Practice Baptism?"

**Invitation Song: Closing Song:** 

**Closing Prayer:** Oscar Hernandez

#### Sunday Morning Bible study (9:00 a.m.)

Christian Principles – Tim Dunnahoo (Rm. 27) Young Parents - Doug Austin (Rm. 25)

Foundations – Jesse McCarty & Oscar Hernandez (Sm. Fellowship)

Revelation (Spanish Class) - Mynor Vasquez (Rm. 22)

**Jr. High/High School** – Thomas Beard (Teen Room – Rm. 26)

JL 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade – various classrooms, look for blue flag JL 1st - 3rd grade - various classrooms, look for red flag

4's, 5's & Kinder – Amy Joy (Rm. 12)

2's & 3's – Cydni Vandiver (Rm. 3) Nursery up through age 2 – Various teachers (Rm. 1)

**Life Group meeting times & locations:** 

Warboys Life Group meets @ 4 in Room 25 Morrow Life Group meets @ 4 in the couch room Austin Life Group meets @ 5 at 3313 Highland



Visitors, please scan the QR code to let us know you're worshipping with us today. We pray our time together is a blessing to you!

#### **Prayer Requests**

- Beverly Merritt will have an evaluation in Lubbock on Friday. Continued prayers are much appreciated.
- Bobbie Doyle will have outpatient surgery on her wrist in Lubbock on Friday.

#### **Continue in Prayer**

Anita Zuniga, Clara O'Neil, Sam & Pat Gentry, Cheryl Ringheimer, Helen Aston, Elaine Bell, Kathleen Sherman, Chris & Glenna Bertola, Mary Ann Baeza, George & Betty Vinson, Janice Bennett, Doris Rodriguez, Kyler Burd

### From the Mailbag:

My deepest appreciation to all my brothers and sisters in Roswell who continue to keep George and I in your prayers. I have received and am still getting cards of encouragement. They really are a blessing.

Love to all,

Betty Vinson

Dear Church Friends,

Just a note to say thank you for all the love & kindness shown to us. All the prayers, calls, food & errands that you did was so helpful. We truly have a wonderful church family & we love you all. Thanks again for your help.

In His name,

Bill & Gale Wright

Journey Land Rotation Week of 4/21/2024 Scan the QR Code for more information about Journey Land!



Red Team		Blue Team	
Wednesday	Sunday	Wednesday	
4/24: Trivia	4/21: Games	4/24: Trivia	
	Wednesday	Wednesday Sunday	

#### **Those Scheduled to Serve for April**

**Deacons on Duty**: Phil Sexton & Dale Rogers

Men on Duty: Alan Warboys, Mac Rogers, Mark Pantuso

## Life@CCR

- Shout out to Emily & Bryce Taylor and Anna Rogers for the delicious breakfast for dinner at Recharge this week! We have only one meal left this Spring...next week's dinner will be burgers & hotdogs on the grill.
- Thank you to all who participated and helped in Journey Land this year! We are now in the process of making plans for the summer quarter. There is a dire need for teachers! Please find the sign-up sheets on the foyer table with the dates. When you sign up, you will be given the curriculum ahead of time so that you have plenty of time to prepare. Please see Melissa with any questions you may have!
- Also, if you would like to help with the 4's, 5's & K's this summer, please get in touch with Amy Joy.
- Congratulations to Cody & Jackie Montgomery who were wed on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>! A shower table to honor the new couple is set up in the foyer. They are registered at Target & Amazon.



#### VISION 2030 UPDATES!

We are gearing up for some exciting developments in our Vision 2030 mission!

Look forward to a prayer book coming out in just a couple of weeks. Following that we will be sending out questionnaires to see where individuals would like to get involved.

We ask that you begin to prayerfully consider how to use your talents to bless the church as we begin this exciting journey together.

#### Week @ a Glance

**Celebrations & Happenings** 

21 <sup>st</sup>	Bible Class @ 9 a.m.
	A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM,
	Facebook Live & YouTube.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Elders Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.
24 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m.
	Wednesday Night Recharge @ 5:30 p.m.
	Bible Class @ 6:30 p.m.
25 <sup>th</sup>	Bobbie Doyle, Emily Taylor & Rocio Rubio's b-day.

#### **Life Groups Study Guide**

- 1. Describe some of the different views of baptism that are floating around in Christendom?
- 2. How would you tell someone about baptism if they had never heard of the concept before?
- 3. 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?
- 4. What gives baptism its "saving power?" Do we really believe that baptism has saving power?
- 5. What is the significance of the Great Commission for the doctrine of baptism?
- 6. Why would a church not want to follow a Biblical view of baptism?
- 7. What does "baptism in the name of Christ" mean? What are the blessings of our being "in" Christ? What are the responsibilities?