

Mission Night

We would like to announce and invite children in PreK -K and Grades 1-6 from 6:00-7:00pm on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of this month, March 13 and 27. We are



going to learn about missionaries and Bible verses, and have fun! If anyone is interested in helping please contact Alice Porter.

IMPORTANT DATES

for Youth:

- March 23- Winter Jam
- April 12- Guy's campout
- July 7-12- Youth Mission Trip



OneTeam Mission Trip - July 7-12

OneTeam Mission Trip Informational Meeting - Wednesday, March 13, 5:00 pm in the Winsome classroom

WMU Carry-in Meeting

Date: March 25
 Time: 9:30 am

Place: Donna Gottman's Home
 Hostess: Donna Gottman
 Program: Alice Porter



SAVE THE DATE



First Baptist Church

THE COMMUNICATOR



Josh Chambers, Senior Pastor



Evangelism Matters

March 16
 9:00am-12 Noon

When it comes to evangelism, we often struggle. Maybe it's fear. Maybe it's guilt. Maybe it's not knowing how. On March 16th, we invite you to join us for *Evangelism Matters*.

In this gathering, we will discuss evangelism and why it *matters*.

We will have more information in the coming weeks, but we hope you can plan to join us on March 16th from 9:00-12:00.

Don't worry, lunch will be provided!

Everyone is invited to join us!!

EASTER SERVICES

March 28th @ 6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday

March 29th @ 6:30 pm

Good Friday

March 31st @ 7:30 am

Sunrise Service

March 31st @ 10:30 am

Easter Service



Breakfast following Sunrise Service
 8:00am

Sunday School (for all ages)
 9:00am



Why Should I Be Baptized?

Recently, I preached a sermon on the ordinance of baptism. The sermon didn't allow me the space to speak on every issue of baptism that I would've liked, so I

figured I'd take some time and write out more thoughts on the topic. Today, I want to answer the question, "Why should I be baptized?" Let me give you three reasons to be baptized.

To Obey Christ

First, we should be baptized to obey Christ's command. In Matthew 28, Jesus says, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, *baptizing* them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age (v.18-20)."

Many rightly articulated that this text's primary command is "make disciples." From the beginning of their discipleship journey, Jesus' followers have been called "fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). One aspect of discipleship is making disciples. How do we obey this command? Jesus offers three ways: go, baptize, and teach.

We must go. Bobby Jamieson says, "We need to go where the nations are, whether that means crossing the street, crossing town, or crossing an ocean." We must go, and we must baptize. We baptize those who desire to follow Christ. We go, we baptize, and we teach. We teach Christ's commands to His disciples. If you are a disciple of Christ, you must show that through baptism. Baptism is a disciple's public profession of faith. Through baptism, a disciple publicly identifies him or herself as Jesus's disciple. Again, Jesus said, "Teaching them to observe all that I command-

ed you (v.20)." To obey Christ, you must be baptized.

To Publicly Profess Your Faith

In Acts 2, those who heard the gospel preached and believed were "cut to the heart" and asked, "Brothers, what must we do (v.37)?" Peter commanded them, "repent and be baptized (v.38)." Luke records, "So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls (v.41)." Who was baptized? Those who heard and believed.

Again, Jamieson is helpful. He writes, "All those who embraced the gospel were baptized, and only those who embraced the gospel were baptized." Baptism was how the believers made their allegiance to Christ known. Baptism was how the believers showed that they differed from the 'crooked generation' (v.40). Their faith went public through baptism.

In Romans 6 and Colossians 2, Paul shows that faith and baptism go hand-in-hand. Baptism is a picture of one's conversion. In these passages, Paul labors to show how baptism signifies a believer's union with Christ (see Romans 6:1-4, Colossians 2:11-12). In Colossians 2, Paul says, "Having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him *through faith* in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead (v.12)." Paul assumes faith was present in baptism.

Hear these words from Bobby Jamieson. He writes,

If you're a Christian, you can't just declare your faith once in baptism and then go radio silent about Jesus for the rest of your life. Instead, openly declaring your faith in Christ should be part of the regular fabric of your life from now on. One of the first things people learn about you should be that you're a Christian. That Christ is your Savior should be what you're most excited to tell people. Further, Jesus himself warns that faith that stays a secret is no faith at all. "So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is



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in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32-33).

To Commit to Christ's Body

Again, in Acts 2, we see that the believers were added to the church *after* baptism. Through baptism, you declare your loyalty to Christ. Naturally, if you're loyal to Christ, you'll commit to His people. In Colossians 1:18, Paul tells us that Christ is the head of the body (the church). How can you be connected to the head and disconnected from the body? If you are united to Christ, you should be united to His body.

Baptism alters our lives. Following baptism, we read, "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the *fellowship*, to the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:42)." In baptism, two parties speak. On the one hand, baptized people proclaim their faith in and allegiance to Christ. On the other hand, the church extends a welcoming hand, affirming the faith of the baptized one. Through baptism, you pledge yourself to the body of Christ, and the body pledges itself to you. The church seeks to hold you accountable as you follow Christ, and you desire to hold them accountable as they follow Christ.

Jamieson writes, "Baptism sets you within the strengthening and sustaining communion of Christ's people."

Conclusion

I pray these three reasons are helpful for you as you navigate the topic of baptism. But I'll end with this: if you have not been baptized, do so. It doesn't matter if you've followed Christ for years; get baptized. Be obedient. If you have been baptized, look back at that time and rejoice. Rejoice in what it symbolized. Thank God for His grace. Rest in the gospel. Lord willing, in my next article, I'll begin to articulate the regulative principle of worship.



March

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS AND THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING~March 3-10

Annie Armstrong's passions for missions, how can we encourage our church members to give. Annie Armstrong possessed a pen and paper, but we have social media, video technology, and much more to promote giving. Annie wrote thousands of letters urging Southern Baptists to give-what will we do?

During the 2024 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, the Southern Baptists can learn, pray, and give to advance the gospel. Make it a point to educate and encourage mission groups and church member to participate in North American Missions.

The National AAEO goal is \$75 million, Missouri State goal is \$2,2 million and our FBC goal is \$3,000.00. AAEO gifts given to support more than 2,900 missionary families across the United States and Canada.

Your gifts to AAEO are impacting with the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

How your gifts Equip North American Missionaries:

- 85% Church Planting
- 10% Evangelism and Compassion Ministry
- 3% Sending and Leadership
- 2% Missions Education.

PRAY:

God to call out more laborers who will make Jesus known everywhere in North America.

Churches to develop a passion for missions in the hearts of their people to pray, give, and go.

Every believer in North America to see their neighborhood as a mission field.

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Deacons of the Month

Bill Beaver &
Terry Critten



March Birthdays

Gracee Foss – March 3
Christian Osborn—March 3
Margaret Raetz – March 5
Richard Harrison – March 6
Doris Mehrer – March 7
Joshua Vollrath – March 8
Oaklyn Johnson—March 9
Hayden Hathaway—March 11

Jim Dorsey – March 12
Gage Shively – March 12
Emily Shuck—March 12
Beverly Curry – March 16
Dennis Vollrath – March 18
Patricia Gaubatz—March 19
Adrian Mehrer – March 28
Bill Olson – March 29



Date	Nursery	Children's Church	Sound Tech	Media Tech	Hospitality Team
March 3	Sunday School— Amanda Shuck, Courtney Chambers AM— Georgia Rothweiler, Bailee Bock, Hannah Studer	Lisa Russell, Hannah Wilkerson, Isabelle Russell	Grady Cowan	Brittany Johnson	Jeremy & Chandra Beaver
March 10	Sunday School— Doris Mehrer & Amanda McNeill AM— Jill Spalding, Avery Johnson, Ethan Moss	Abbigail Smith, Barb Smith, Ashley Studer	Jeremy Worcester	Ruthie Critten	Ashley Osborn & Tracy Shively
March 17	Sunday School— Brenda Maloney, Lisa Russell AM— Megan Moss, Sommer Jones, Anna Russell	No Children's Church	Richard Harrison	Amanda McNeill	Creighton & Amanda Shuck
March 24	Sunday School— Hannah Wilkerson, Adrian Mehrer AM— Ashley Osborn, Shanee Brown	Angel Vollrath, Ryan Moss, Grady Cowan	Allen Mehrer	Jane Anne Olson	Joe & Amanda McNeill
March 31	Sunday School— Jill Spalding AM— Kelley Cowan, Beth Franklin	Courtney Chambers, Ava Yutzy, Mya Martin	Colton Cowan	Adrian Mehrer	Rusty & Georgia Rothweiler

March 2024

Church Office Hours
573.735.2635
Monday through Thursdays—
8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:00am—Sunday School 10:30am—Morning Worship NO Evening Worship	4 5:00pm—WMU serving Loaves & Fishes 7:00pm—Deacons Mtg.	5	6 6:00pm—Youth	7 7:00pm—Men's Bible Study	8	9 12:00-4:00pm—Winsome Room/Carrie Cooper
10 9:00am—Sunday School 10:30am—Morning Worship NO Evening Worship	11	12	13 5:00pm—OneTeam Information Mtg. 6:00pm—Youth 6:00pm—Mission Night	14 7:00pm—Men's Bible Study	15	16 9:00-12 Noon-Evangelism Matters
17 9:00am—Sunday School 10:30am—Morning Worship Lord's Supper NO Evening Worship	18	19	20 6:00pm—Youth	21 7:00pm—Men's Bible Study	22	23 Youth going to WinterJam in St. Louis
24 9:00am—Sunday School 10:30am—Morning Worship Noisy Offering—Summer Mission Trip NO Evening Worship	25 9:30am—WMU Carry-in @ Donna Gottman's Home, Alice Porter Program	26 6:00pm—WMU Spring Banquet @ FBC Monroe City	27 6:00pm—Youth 6:00pm—Mission Night	28 6:30pm—Maundy Thursday Service NO Men's Bible Study	29 GOOD FRIDAY 6:30pm—Good Friday Service	30
31 7:30am—Sunrise Service 8:00am—Breakfast 9:00am—Sunday School 10:30am—Morning Worship 1:30pm—Nursing Home Service NO Evening Worship						Email addresses for the church office and pastor: Church office—office@fbcmnroecity.org Senior Pastor—pastor@fbcmnroecity.org