

Baptisms

Are you saved?

And you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21)

I suppose this question is asked thousands of times each day, and often both the questioner and the questioned don't think about what it means. To be "saved" tells us there is some danger, some peril, to be rescued from. It doesn't make sense to speak of being "saved" from nothing. If a lifeguard asks a struggling swimmer, "can I rescue you?" it makes sense. If a lifeguard asks a swimmer in no trouble if they want to be rescued, the question seems out of place.

When it comes to religious or spiritual salvation, what are people saved from? What endangers humanity so much that God would send His Son to rescue them?

One thing the Bible says God's people are rescued from sin. When the angel Gabriel told Joseph that Mary was chosen of God to miraculously conceive and bear the Messiah, the angel gave him specific instructions concerning His name: And you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins. 1 John 3:5 explains: you know He was manifested to take away our sins. Jesus came to rescue us from sin.

We need to be saved from our sins. Our sin puts us in great danger. It is our sin that separates us from God. It makes us guilty before His court of justice. Sin ruins our relationships among other people. In one sense, the very root of sin is selfishness. That self-seeking, self-willed desire infects every aspect of man's being and world in one way or another. John had previously immersed some Pharisees and Sadducees in the Jordan, but now priests and Levites came to him—inquiring who he was. One reason for the Levites' arrival was that some expected the Messiah to be from the tribe of Levi. The book of 1 Maccabees reflects the longing for a Levitical kingly Messiah, and many expected him to be a priest. He first informs them that he isn't the Messiah or Christ (John 1:20).

John was none of these, though he was the one like Elijah (Luke 1:17). John cites Isaiah 40:3 and Malachi 3:1 as an answer—he later tells people that he was to prepare the way of the Lord (John 3:28). Since John was none of the expected people, they ask why he was baptizing, likely because by so doing he was gathering disciples. John points them further to the one who is the come. He will come from among them, and it's he who's preferred over John. The next day, Jesus arrives at the Jordan—likely from his temptation. John proclaims Jesus to the crowd, and while his account doesn't include the baptism of Jesus, it points out John's response to it.

Several baptisms are mentioned in the New Testament: John's baptism of repentance, baptism of fire, baptism for the dead (1 Cor. 15:9), baptism into Moses (1 Cor. 10:1–2), baptism of the Holy Spirit, and baptism in making disciples. Since only Jesus performs this, we must look at it and see what it is. Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus reiterated the promise (Acts 1:4–5), and we see it performed on Pentecost (Acts 2:32–33). There were only two examples in Scripture when this was applied: Pentecost and Cornelius' household (Acts 10:44–48; 11:15–18). This baptism enabled apostles to remember what they'd learned and be taught by God (John 14:26). They could also perform wonders and signs to accompany their preaching (Acts 2:43; cf. Heb. 2:3–4). Concerning Cornelius' household, baptism with the Spirit was more to convince the Jews that Gentiles were worthy of salvation, too (Acts 10:44–48; 11:12). Moreover, it was God's way of acknowledging the Gentiles, and the Jews understood that God makes no distinction (Acts 11:8–9).

Considering the numerous baptisms we read about in the New Testament, we must establish a timeline because, by AD 64, Paul wrote that there was only one baptism (Eph. 4:4–6). Jesus was crucified and ascended to heaven anywhere between AD 28–33. We like to think that Jesus was born in AD 1, but he was more than likely born between 4–6 BC, given the dating of the death of Herod. Gentiles received the baptism of the Holy Spirit some 8–10 years later, putting us at AD 43 at the latest. This is important because, by the time Paul wrote to the Ephesians, he stated that there was one baptism, leading us to conclude that Holy Spirit baptism was no longer a factor. Just as John's baptism was for a time and purpose (cf. Acts 19:1–7), so was the Holy Spirit's baptism. However, the immersion that makes us disciples of Jesus is universal and unending (Acts 2:38–39).

-Steven

WORSHIP—Sunday AM: 9:00 Sunday PM: 6:00 CLASSES—Sunday AM: 10:15 Wednesday PM: 6:30 RADIO—Sunday AM: 9:00-10:00 Sunday PM: 6:00-7:00—WVHM FM 89.7 DAILY RADIO—Monday-Friday 6:25 & 7:25 am—FM 89.7 ANNOUNCEMENT LINE – (270) 759-4444

-Garry

-THE GLENDALE FAMILY- "



MARCH 6^{th,} 2025 – This date will be our 1st Young N Hearts Class of the New Year! I very excited to be back with you this Spring! 😊

Scripture of the Day: Mt 5:3-6 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the gentle, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied."



FEBRUARY 26^{th,} 2025 – **C20 Class @ 6:30pm**. Please invite a friend to join us! 😂

FEBRUARY 27th, 2025 – <u>C20 Devo @ 6:30pm</u> @ my house. We look forward to food, fellowship, & Study!

<u>MARCH 2nd</u>, 2025 – <u>C20 Class @ 10am</u>. We are studying the Beatitudes. Please read through Mt. 5:1-15.

Library E. Bailey

Confusing the Singers # 3

One of the most beloved hymns of modern times is the Crosby-Doane hymn "*To God Be The Glory*" # 4 in our hymnbook. Both Fanny Crosby's poem as well as William H. Doane's tune were written in 1875 and, although written by Americans and first published in an American song book, the hymn did not gain traction in this country for another 75 years.

In the mid-1950s, the song leader for many of Billy Graham's crusades and TV programs introduced it to an American audience and this launched it on the road to becoming one of the most popular hymns of our day.

Churches of Christ were slow to learn it as it was never included in any of the Gospel Advocate books and only found its way into the *Great Songs of the Church* series in the 1975 supplement. Today, it is found in most hymnbooks in this country. Tune in next week for an explanation of the confusing aspect of the refrain in some books.

YOUTH Jacob Vaughan ****

Thank you to everyone that made CYC the trip that it was. We had a truly wonderful time and were blessed to be witness to a new sister in Christ being born in Katee McKeel. I encourage everyone to speak to the attendees of the trip and ask them about their experiences and the lessons that were covered while out convention. This was by far the most people we have ever taken but I hope this event continues to grow for us here at Glendale and we can bring more and more youth to the smokey mountains to grow closer to one another and, most importantly, to grow closer to God.

We will be taking our highschoolers on a mission trip this summer to **Honduras** from June 25^{th} – July 2^{nd} . You will need to be obtaining a passport asap for those that are participating with this mission. Sign ups have been taken down and we officially have 22 making the trip. More information will be shared with those going at a later time. Thank you all.

Bible Bowl is here. We are studying the first 12 chapters of John. Please join our youth in our studies as we try to get to know our Lord a little better each day. This week we will be studying chapter 8 with the middle and high schoolers.

Let's Go to Camp! Western Kentucky Youth Camp (WKYC). Registration for this summer's sessions starts Monday, March 3rd at 8:00 a.m. Many weeks reach capacity quickly, so make plans now. Members of Glendale Road, see Jacob Vaughn for a special discount code. Got questions? See Jacob or speak with Landon Clark, WKYC Board President. Visit <u>https://www.wkyc.org/</u> to enroll your camper beginning March 3rd.

Sessions include the following:

- All-Ages Week (ages 8-18): June 7-12
- Pee-Wee Weekend (ages 3-7, accompanied by a parent or guardian): June 13-15
- Teen Week: June 15-21
- · Ages 11-13 Week: June 22-27
- Ages 8-10 Week: July 6-11
- · All-Ages Week (ages 8-18): July 13-18

Rejoice, Give Thanks, Pray"

THANK YOU

Thanks to all for the beautiful cards, texts, prayers, good wishes verbally and any kindness shown to us for our 68th wedding anniversary. Blessing and love to all!

Gerald & Shirley Coles

Thank you for all the cards, calls and texts during my dad's sickness and death. Thanks for caring during this difficult time.

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Chad Hughes

Thank you so much for the cards and well wishes as we celebrated our 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Each act of kindness was appreciated.

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Lynn & Cynthia Darnall

WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a wedding shower for Emily Wilson and Victor Rojas this Sunday, March 2nd from 1-2:30 in the multipurpose room. They are registered at Amazon, Whitney's, Williams-Sonoma and Target. See Jeanne Underhill if you would like to give a money gift before that Sunday.

WEDDING MONEY GIFT

There will be a wedding money gift collected for Aaron Dawson (son of Randy & Anita Dawson) and Kathryn Foster on Sunday, March 9th during morning classes. See Kathy Coles if you would like to give before then.

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Ladies' Bible Class will meet Tuesday morning, March 4^{th} at 10:30, weather permitting. They will be studying pages 97-100.

BAPTIZED

Katee McKeel (2/22) 1808 Palmer Rd. Murray, KY 42071

SYMPATHY

We express the sympathy of the congregation to Franklin Rogers and family on the death of his brother, Larry Rogers.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Olivia Kate Stubblefield, daughter of Adam and Rachel Stubblefield, was born February 12th. She weighed 8 lbs., 11 oz. and was 22 inches long. Rob and Fawn McDonald are the grandparents and Billie McDonald is the greatgrandmother.

Jeremy Bell Raymond Grady ~ELDERS~

Brent Canter

~DEACONS~

Allen McKeel

Darrell Beane Landon Clark Mike Cooper Garry Evans Joel Fisher Seth Grogan Ryan Houston John Mahan Mike Orr Tim Stark Stacey Underhill DEACON Terry Bourland Gerald Coles Dan Davis Andrew Falwell James Gibson Chris Jones Derek Jones Terry McCallon Shawn Simmons Kelly Starks Nicholas Webber

Josh Bybee Tim Coles Jody DeWitt Jacob Falwell Matt Gingles Justin Hendrick Chad Lawson Josh McKeel Jay Stark Rob Thompson Daron Wilson

~CARE TEAM LEADERS~

Jody Dewitt – Care Team 1 Dan Davis – Care Team 2 Jerry Stark – Care Team 3 Mike Orr – Care Team 4 Chuck Adams – Care Team 5 Garry Evans – Care Team 6 Terry Bourland – Care Team 7

~SUNDAY SERVANTS~ 3/2/2025

9:00 Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcen	nents Garry Evans	
Song Service	Derek Jones	
	Kent Barlow	
Preside	Corey Underhill	
Scripture Reading	Jackson Bell	
	Luke 9:28–31	
Speaker	Steven Hunter	
Sermon Th	e Transfiguration of Jesus	
	Derrick Delaney	
NurseryJulie Wilson, Raquel Armstrong		
GreetersDebbie Murdock, Halee Musser,		
Janice Nix, Jeanne C	Drr, Sherry Payne, Alyna	
Peters		

Serve the Lord's Supper

South	North
Ray Murdock	
Trent Murdock	David Ryan
Nathan Musser	Marty Sheridan
Mike Orr	Rick Spann
Eric Penniston	
Grant Riley	Zak Stark

Alternates: Brock Ray, Jay Stark, Jerry Stark, Kelly Starks, Karsen Starks, Kameron Starks

6:00 Evening Worship

Welcome/Announcements	Garry Evans	
Song Service	Derek Jones	
Opening Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Buddy Bybee	
Scripture	2 Timothy 3:16	
Speaker		
SermonW	hat Is "Inspiration?"	
Preside	John Dale	
Closing Prayer	Dan Davis	
NurseryDebbie Gallagher, Stacey Galloway		
GreetersStacy Bell, J	leremy Bell, Mary-	
Peyton Bell, Jackson Bell, Teresa Clark, Cindy		
Cleaver		

March Van Drivers:

Sunday AM – Terry McCallon (270-293-2720) Sunday PM – Zach Underhill (270-705-2160) Wednesday – Terry McCallon (270-293-2720)