

# Not Baptized? Then Why Wait?

(Act 22:16)

It may be that some who are reading this article have never been baptized, even though they believe with all their heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. (Rom. 10:9; Acts 8:37) Some may argue that baptism isn't necessary or required by God for salvation. There are other misconceptions about this act of obedience, for instance, that one must be baptized in front of the audience of the church or that it can only be done after the invitation song. Others may realize that it must be done, but procrastinate, and much like an undone household chore, they just haven't gotten around to it.

The truth is, that God requires us to step out in an act of faith and be baptized. Jesus gave the instruction to teach the world the Good News, make disciples, and baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15) The man who would eventually write most of the New Testament was required to be baptized. Ananias said to Saul, "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:16) Also, the book of Acts records literally thousands of baptisms. (Acts 2:41; 8:12,13,16, 38, 10:48; 16:15,33; 19:15) If one reads on through the New Testament, they will see that all spiritual blessings are found in Christ and that one must be baptized into Christ. (Eph 1:3; Gal. 3:27) Baptism (immersion) is a simple and straight forward act that washes away one's sin, making them a new spiritual creation. (2 Cor. 5:17). The biblical evidence is clear, God wants us to be baptized.

**So, what are you waiting for?**

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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

## Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

## Those to Serve

### Today

Announcements- Lyle Russell

Thank you to the Louisiana Tech Student Center  
for conducting our services this morning.

November 17th

Announcements- Travis Rogers

Communion- Wayne Fowler

Sermon- Don DeLukie

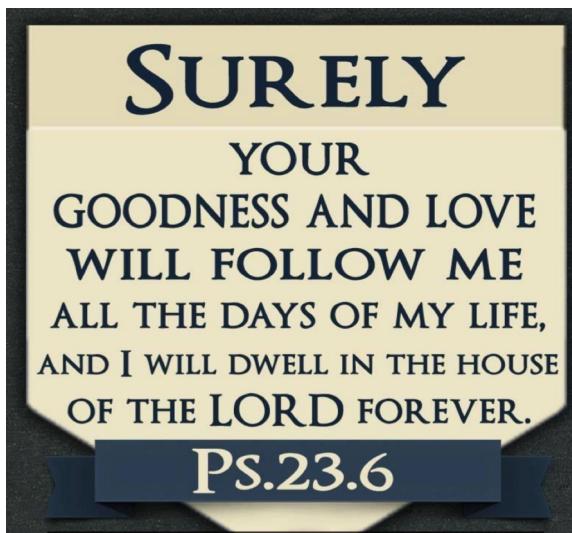
Opening prayer- Ronnie Hays

Closing Prayer- Arthur Binford

## Announcements

—**Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



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## Please Pray For:

Roy Thompkins, Jerry Ketchian, Buck Raus, Carolyn Jones, Lawrence Dana, Glenda Wells, Donna White, Verlinda Gooden, Brenda Fricke, Tommy White, Christopher Fowler, Debbie Grice, Joyce Moses, John Ray, Cliff Lawrence.

**Bereaved:** Family of Lawrence Dana.

## Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Brigg DeLukie, Carol Granger, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Ronnie & Dena White, Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Renee Gee, Bobby Simmons, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



### November Birthdays

3 - Elaine Reppond	13 - Susie McGough
5 - Glenda Wells	20 - Dana Fowler
8 - Brad Smith	25 - Dan Ross Jr.
9 - Raelyn Freeman	28 - Dena White
9 - Sydney Rogers	30 - Ayden Richardson
11 - Tommy Wells	

### November Anniversaries

3 - Ronnie and Dena White
17 - Buddy and Carlon Hollis
18 - Randy and Kathy Manning
21 - Travis and Rhonda Rogers

