

Baptism in the New Testament

It is interesting to go back in time to see the church in its primitive state, when the Spirit was still directly instructing Christians on how God wanted religion practiced. One of the most detailed cases of conversion is the Ethiopian whom Philip taught while traveling down a lonely back road (Acts 8:26–40). This treasurer requested baptism, and Philip conducted it in the way God approves. Note carefully how baptism was done in the New Testament. The treasurer made a confession of faith before baptism. He said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God” (8:37). No one can be scripturally baptized unless he has faith in Jesus (John 8:24; Mark 16:16) and is willing to make it known (Romans 10:9–10). Note that he did not confess that God had for Jesus’ sake already forgiven his sin, since his baptism was for the purpose of forgiveness (Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21).

The treasurer was immediately baptized. He did not hesitate nor procrastinate. He was not told he would have to be voted on (unheard of in the New Testament) or that he would be on probation for some time. He did not have to go through weeks of classes or wait for several others who also wanted to be baptized. Someone has noted that no sinner in the book of Acts ate, drank, or slept before being baptized once they learned that they were lost. Both the candidate and the administrator got in the water. They both went down into the water and came up out of the water (8:38–39). An older lady heard a preacher say that the eunuch was holding up a water jug when he said, “See here is water.” She remarked, “My Bible says they both went down into the water. Did they both went down into a jug?” (Insert “jug” for “water” in the text and see the silliness of it.)

Baptism in the New Testament was always a burial—never sprinkling or pouring (Mark 1:10; John 3:23; Romans. 6:4–5; Colossians 2:12). Baptism began a joyful journey with God. Acts 8:40 says this new Christian “went on his way rejoicing.” Why? Because his sins were washed away and he had been added to God’s family, the church (Acts 2:47).

Each of God’s steps to salvation is important: • Faith changes man’s thinking (Hebrews 11:6); • Repentance changes his lifestyle (Acts 3:19); • Confession of faith identifies him with other Christians and separates him from the world (Matthew 10:32); • Baptism changes his guilty state (from “outside” to “inside” Christ’s body, Galatians 3:26–27). Study the other cases of conversion in the book of Acts and note carefully the original pattern. Let’s do what they did.

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T O G A E M E E H T C E S T E R	ABIDE	GRACE
S E A N R D R A Y O D H I S S Y	AFFIRM	HEART
R E L I I C I C R I M E R S O Y	APOSTLE	HOLDING
I E F T H T R S B A B I E I H O	ASIDE	HOWBEIT
F F H I S E T A A W I L S T S H	CAUSE	JESUS
A B E T M O Q U O T D J O T T T	CHARGE	KING
E F H L I S P H P N O M E R T R	CHIEF	MERCY
C O C K L E P A E H I T A S P O	CHRIST	NEITHER
A S I D E R N E W T O E N D U F	COMMIT	PATTERN
R E H O O P P P P A H L O W I S	ENDLESS	PERSONS
G O W F T H E A E G R S D I R E	EPHESUS	PROFANE
B O A T E I T F C R E F K I G A	FABLES	PUTTING
O N S S E T M A A L S I A R N S	FAITH	THEE
E Q U P E R U M B I N O A R U G	FIRST	TIMOTHY
A S T R E S S A O G T H N E E D	FORTH	WARFARE
C O N G E L F L O C C H O S T S	GOSPEL	WHICH

😊 Special Days 😊

Happy Birthday, December!

Brian Kent	2	Joseph Frazier	6
Jason Earwood	10	Bailey Caston	16
Bobby Johnson	17	Tom White	18
Shelby Neal	22	Tammy Elliott	23
Suzette Roberson	23	Tim Wertz	28
Gayle Swabb	31		

Happy Anniversary, December!

Mike and Pam Ambrose	19
Roger and Tammy Elliott	23



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Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

Elders

Eric Anthony Ernie Maiwald
Michael Neal Lee Porter
Tim Wertz

Deacons

Perry Comeaux Jason Cottoner
Keith George Dan Medina
Niles Wedge

Minister

Ernie Maiwald

Associate Minister

Keith George

The Woodbridge elders recommend the following Bible translations for our public worship and study: New King James Version, King James Version and American Standard Version, 1901

Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for coming to worship with us today. You are our honored guests. We are a Bible church with Bible aims relying on God's word as our only authority. We invite you to join us in worshipping through:

- o singing (Eph 5:19)
- o praying (I Tim 2:1-2)
- o studying (II Tim 4:2)
- o giving (I Cor 16:2)
- o remembering our Lord's sacrifice through communion (Acts 20:7).

We want to have a record of your visit. Please complete the visitor's card that is in the pew before you and place it in the collection basket or hand it to one of our members.

If we can be of service to you, in any way, please let us know. And please visit with us again soon. We look forward to seeing you.

Daily Bible Readings

		Morning	Evening
Epistles	December 16	I Timothy 1 - 3	I Timothy 1 - 3
The Law	December 17	Numbers 1 - 4	Numbers 1 - 4
History	December 18	I Chron 5 - 9	I Chron 5 - 9
Psalms	December 19	Psalm 96 - 98	Psalm 96 - 98
Poetry	December 20	Proverbs 17 - 18	Proverbs 17 - 18
Prophecy	December 21	Daniel 7 - 12	Daniel 7 - 12
Gospels	December 22	John 5 - 6	John 5 - 6

Bible Class Schedule for the Week

Week of December 16			
Sunday	Lesson 193	I Peter 1	
Wednesday	Lesson 194	I Peter 2	
Week of December 23			
Sunday	Lesson 195	I Peter 3	
Wednesday		Wednesday Night Congregational Singing	

Announcements

Welcome: We have a new sister in Christ. Sharwanda George and Sherri Wright have been studying sometime with **Edith Grah**. She was baptized by Brother Keith George on Tuesday afternoon. Welcome to the family of Christ sister Edith. Her address is: 15037 Catalpa Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193

See additional announcements under "For Our Prayers"

Assignments

	December 16	December 23
Announcements	Porter	Wertz
Song	Wertz	Wilson
Prayer	Chris Dollard	Dukes
Preside @ Table	Johnson	Kent
Assisting	Cottoner	Earwood
Assisting	Crayton	M. Frazier
Assisting	Gauvin	George
Prayer	Caples	Comeaux
	December 16	December 23
Evening Worship*		
Announcements	Porter	Wertz
Song Leader	Wertz	Wilson
Prayer	Wedge	Caples
Communion/Prayer	Johnson	Kent
	December 19	December 26
Wed. Evening Worship		
Announcements	Porter	Wertz
Song Leader	Wertz	Wilson
Invitation	George	Neal
Prayer	Beauvais	Caples

Notes:

1. *Please arrange for a substitute if you are unable to perform an assigned duty.*
2. *Notify Tim Wertz and Karla Anthony of any changes.*
3. **Transportation.** *If anyone would be willing to help with transportation to and from services on Sunday and Wednesday, please see Niles Wedge.*

	December	January	February
Prepare Communion	Wedge	TBD	TBD
Building Lockup	Anthony	TBD	TBD

Annual Childrens' Event	12/16/18	4:30pm	Building
Mens' Breakfast	1/12/19	8:00	OC Buffet
EDP Meeting	1/12/19	9:30	Building

Helpful Contact Addresses:

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For our Prayers

New

➤ **Family of Shairo Wiley** (classmate and friend of Sharon Lake). Shairo Wiley passed away suddenly on Wednesday. She was only 12 years old.

Update

➤ **Amanda Cook** (sister of the son-in-law of the Porters) has leukemia and is having aggressive treatments. Three people have volunteered for the bone marrow transplant. Please pray that one of the three will be successful.

Assisted Living

- **Gayle Swabb** (Betty's Place - Manassas)
- **Charles Swabb** (Betty's Place - Manassas)

Continued Prayers for Family and Friends:

- **Sandra Lauriano** (co-worker for Kennetha Marbury) cancer
- **Lenny Skutnik** (Crohns)
- **OT Martin** (Ernie's dad) Alzheimer's
- **Jesse Medina** (Dan's brother) pulmonary hypertension
- **Johnnie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux aunt) Long Term Care
- **Jan Dunlap** (Linda Skutnik's sister)
- **Jean Long** (Sue Bilbrey's sister) brain tumor
- **Angelica Garcia** (friend of Linda Skutnik) acute leukemia
- **Sammie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux's cousin) cancer
- **LaVetta Sterrett** (Babara Frazier's aunt) abdomen bleed
- **David Jackson** (friend of the Marbury's) lung cancer
- **Gerrie Fleener** (Jody Medina's mom) knee replacement.
- **Tim Williams** (Friend of the Crayton's) Stage 4 Cancer
- **Margaret Jackson** (Niles Wedge's grandmother) Macular Degeneration
- **Lori Bennett** (friend of Logan Dollard) blindness
- **Sarah Schilling** (Tammy Elliott's sister) neurosurgeon for neck
- **Lupe Medina** (Dan Medina's mom) broken neck and other injuries
- **Michele Morris** (Denise Crayton's sister) Brain Aneurysm
- **Alvin Harris** (Pamela Ambrose's brother) Serious disease

Continued prayers for our members

Bobbie Girard	Alwilda Merritt	Colleen Wertz
Deb Neal	James Roberson	Sue Bilbrey
Sherry Wright	Dan Medina	

Announcements, cont'd

Annual Craft Event We will have our annual craft night of creating a craft on **TODAY**, 4:30- 5:45 here at the church building. This will be a directed project this year, you will have to be on time to participate. If you have any questions please ask Melissa or Ernie.