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Sunday 9:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

Tuesday 10:30am

Wednesday 6:30pm

Wednesday Benevolence 8:30am

August 12, 2018

## Baptized Question

Aaron Veyon

Three times the book of Acts records non-Christians asking a familiar question. The Philippian Jailer asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16: 30). The Jews on Pentecost asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (2:37). Saul of Tarsus asked, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" (9:6).

Please notice (first of all) that each of these dear souls assumed they had to DO something in order to receive salvation. Secondly, please notice that they were never told (1) that they were already saved or (2) that "faith only" saves. On each occasion they were told to DO something in order to be saved. The Philippian Jailer was told to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" (16:31). He and his household believed and they were baptized (vv. 32-34). The Pentecost Jews were instructed to "repent and be baptized" (2:38), and they obeyed (vv. 41). Saul was told what to do in the city of Damascus (9:6) when Ananias said, "Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (22:16), and he did it (9:18).

Though the conclusions were the same, the three instructions were somewhat different. Why? Suppose a man traveling from Mt. Vernon to Cincinnati was told that he was about 156 miles from his destination. A person in Columbus might be told it is about 102 miles. A person in Dayton might be told it is about 49 miles. Is there a contradiction? No. Three different answers would be given, but all three would be correct. The same is true spiritually. The jailer, the Pentecost Jews, and Saul were at different stages of understanding on the road to salvation. The jailer was not initially told to "be baptized" because he had not yet heard and believed the gospel message. (It would be pointless to command baptism to someone who has not first heard and believed in Christ – cf. Mk. 16:16). After hearing and believing he and his household did what was required of them (they were baptized). At the preaching of Peter the Pentecost Jews were cut to the heart (i.e., their belief was evident); thus he did not command them to believe, but to repent and be baptized. Saul was not told to believe or repent because he was already a penitent believer by the time he came in contact with Ananias; thus he was only told to be baptized. Though three different answers were given, they all came to the same conclusion.

Friends, do you believe? Have you repented and have you been baptized into Christ that your sins may be forgiven? If you haven't, why not do it today?

### Why We Do What We Do Baptism

#### History of Baptism

- The old practice helps in understanding the \_\_\_\_\_
- The many “Baptisms” gave way to the “\_\_\_\_\_ Baptism”

#### What Baptism is NOT About

1. Physical \_\_\_\_\_
2. Representation of the \_\_\_\_\_
3. Outward \_\_\_\_\_ of an inward \_\_\_\_\_

#### What Baptism IS About

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

### Influencing a Child

#### How is your influence for Christ?

The influence of two women on a young man, Timothy

**1. He was \_\_\_\_\_ of (Acts 16:2)**

**2. He was \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 16:3)**

**3. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Timothy 1:5)**

# Wednesday Summer Series You Have **OVERCOME**

August 15 - Garrett Bookout  
Overcoming Lust

Faith with a  
**PURPOSE**  
October 7-10

The Lectures at  
**WESTHILL**

## WesthillWORKS!

### Community Outreach

Benevolence Program  
Habitat for Humanity  
Food for Fitness

### Local Missions

Cherokee Children's Home  
In Search of the Lord's Way  
Bear Valley School of Preaching  
Student Support  
Brown Trail Spanish School of  
Preaching  
The Truth in Love *ttil.tv*  
WVBS Online School  
*school.wvbs.org*  
La Poynor Prison Ministry

### Foreign Missions

India Preacher Training Program  
New Zealand Harvest Missions

## Leadership

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# Prayer List

**Christie Beamon's nephew**, Aaron Mitchell, passed away recently and his service was Tuesday in Comanche, OK. Please remember Christie and the family during this time.

**Beverly Cooke's sister**, Georgia, is in the hospital.

**Larry & Tonya Rowden's granddaughter** is scheduled for eye surgery.

**Continue to Remember:** Russell Bankes, Don Bowen, Aline Barrett, Anita Hawkins, Alston Compton, & Tonya Bowen

# Announcements

We are very excited that **Afton Aldama & Haley Brown** placed their workmanship with our Westhill Family last Sunday!

**Boys Leadership Initiative Presentation** will take the place of this morning's Bible Class for Jr. High, High School & Adult classes. All will meet in the auditorium.

**Youth Teacher's Meeting** this afternoon at 4:30 pm in the Outreach Center before evening service.

**Ice Cream Social** after services tonight to **welcome our new Family & Education Minister**, Brandon Watson, and his family, Whitney, Bergan, Colby, & Sawyer.

**Food For Fitness** will be done a little differently. There are sign up sheets in the back for all necessary positions, both kitchen workers & drivers. If you want to continue serving the same days and jobs as you have in the past, please go ahead and sign for those spots, or you cant text or call Rachel Williams. **This is a great opportunity for some of you who might have been interested in helping with Food For Fitness to put your hands to work!**

## Birthdays This Week

August 12 - Jeovani Vargas & Madley Wilson  
August 13 - Rachel Heim  
August 14 - Russell Bankes  
August 15 - Carson Barham  
August 16 - Dale Hill  
August 17 - Nancy Haden & Rylan Newman

## Records for August 9, 2018

Bible Class .....	210
AM Worship.....	260
PM Worship.....	185
Wednesday.....	208
Contribution .....	\$11,882.26

**Military:** Samantha Armstrong, Clay Bayes, Blake Barrett, Alston Compton, David Dilbeck, Robert Johnson, & Ryan Stewart

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## Privileged to Serve

Song Leader	Justin Williams
Opening Prayer	Leadership Initiative
Communion Leader	Leadership Initiative
Communion Servers	Leadership Initiative
Leadership Initiative	Leadership Initiative
Scripture Reading	Leadership Initiative
Closing Prayer	Leadership Initiative
Nursery	Martha Dowdle & Ann Wylie
PM Song Leader	Joshua Haden
PM Opening Prayer	Kyle Slaughter
PM Closing Prayer	Tim Cooke
Wed. Song Leader	Matt Newman
Wed. Summer Series	Garrett Bookout
August Contact Elder	Darwin Thomas