

December 21, 2025

West Hill

Church of Christ

Walk and Work Together in the Light

Christ Did Not Send Me To Baptize

By Spencer Clark

One common objection to the necessity of baptism cites 1 Corinthians 1:17, where Paul states: For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Some interpret this to mean that Paul did not baptize at all or did not consider it necessary. However, this interpretation overlooks the context of the letter. The church in Corinth was divided, with some claiming loyalty to various leaders: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, or Christ (1 Cor 1:12). Paul's goal was to eliminate these divisions, prompting him to ask:

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? The obvious answer is that Christ is NOT divided; rather, He is united. Paul was NOT crucified for you; Christ was. You were NOT baptized in the name of Paul; instead, you were baptized in the name of Christ! Corinth was focused on the messenger rather than the Message Himself. This is why Paul says: I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name (1 Cor 1:14–15). Paul's focus was not to personally baptize every convert, as others could handle that responsibility. He is not suggesting that baptism was unnecessary or not part of his preaching. Would Paul go to Corinth and teach, "you don't need to put on Christ" (Gal 3:27) or "you don't need to die to sin or be raised to a new life" (Rom 6:3–4)? Paul assumes that his readers were baptized when he says this.

What Paul emphasizes is that his primary task was to preach the Gospel and that he is grateful he did not baptize more due to the celebrity worship in Corinth. He did baptize a few early converts, such as Crispus and Gaius, who, after "hearing Paul, believed and were baptized" (Acts 18:8). Baptism is necessary; it was part of what Paul taught and how people responded to the gospel he preached everywhere.

Sunday: Worship 10:30am & Class 5:00pm

Tuesday: Benevolence 9:00–10:00am & Young at Heart Class 10:30am

Wednesday: Class 6:30pm

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“The Consolation of Israel”

Text: Luke 2:29–32

Luke writes his gospel so that we can have _____ (1:4)

Luke 2:25-35 – Text of Study

Jesus presented at the Temple - _____ days old

Luke 2:25 – Simeon - _____

SONG – STANDING ON THE PROMISES

- I. Peace Comes from Fulfilled _____ (v. 29)
 - a. God is _____ to His promises: (Ps. 145:13; Heb. 10:23; Josh. 21:45; Lam. 3:23)
 - o God had promised a _____ (Isa. 7:14; 9:6; Micah 5:2)

SONG - MIGHTY TO SAVE

- II. _____ has Arrived (v. 30)
 - a. God’s salvation is for _____ people (v. 31)
 - i. Joel 2:32; Rom. 1:16

SONG – HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

- III. Jesus Is _____ to the World (v. 32)
 - a. Gen. 1:2-3; John 1:1-4,14; 8:12
 - b. Light exposes _____
 - c. Light shows the _____
 - d. Light brings _____

SONG- TO GOD BE THE GLORY

- IV. The _____ of Israel (Luke 2:32)
 - a. Jesus brings _____ to Israel by:
 - i. _____ sin
 - ii. Renewing _____
 - iii. Establishing the _____ covenant

Westhill Church of Christ

2026 Events

JAN. 16-18 Winter Retreat @ Ft. Parker

JAN. 30-31 Women Of Westhill Retreat

FEB. 9 Sweetheart Banquet For Young At Heart Age

FEB. 13-14 T3 (Teach The Truth) For High School

FEB. 22 Friends & Family Day

MAY 31 - JUNE 6 E3 Summer Camp Grades 6th-12th

JUNE 15-18 VBS (Vacation Bible School)

JUNE 24-27 Mission - Cherokee Home

JULY 20-24 Leadership Initiatives

JULY 31 - AUG 1 DU - Discipleship University

OCT. 11-14 Westhill Lectures

OCT. 31 Trunks with Treats

NOV. 7 Forever His Day Camp For Children with Special Needs

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Winter Retreat is for
grades 6th-12 and will be
Jan. 16-18, 2026.
Register by Dec. 21, 2025



T3 (Teach the Truth) is
geared for high school
age youth.



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Community Outreach

Addiction [Recovery](#) Counseling
Benevolence Program
Food for Fitness

Forever His

Wed. Night Focus Groups
Spanish ESL Classes

Local Missions

Apologetics Press - Jeremy Pate
Bear Valley - Wayne Jones
Cherokee Children's Home
Disaster Relief
The Jenkins Institute
Memphis School of Preaching
WVBS school.wvbs.org

U.S. Mission Points

Tilton, NH & Mesa, AZ

Foreign Missions

Cameroon Preacher Training
India Preacher Training

Prayer Needs:

David Mahoney admitted to Waxahachie Baylor being treated for an infection in his foot.

Jim Haden recovering from back stimulator surgery.

Cam Haden recovering from back surgery.

Tanya Rowden recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Continue to remember: Bronny & Ruth Watson, Dan & Rita Dominy, Eula Henry, John Braly, Louie & Patty Williams, Nick Tooley, Bill & Beverly Abercrombie, Beverly Heathcote, David Mahoney, Millard & Martha Dowdle, Carol Barham, Judi Olsen, Joseph Haden, & Patty Williams

Staffed nursery available for babies up to 2 yr old.
Nursery Attendant this week: **Lee Owens**

This Week's Birthdays

December 21 - Dayanara Sosa

December 23 - Kate Jennings

December 25 - Eugenia Sosa

December 26 - Bowen Burnett & Lora Lynch

December 27 - Barbara Gould & Jennifer Sosa

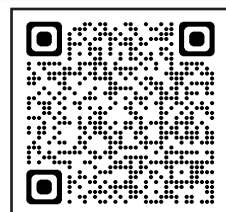
Records for December 14, 2025

AM Worship..... 199

Special Contribution..... \$113,074

Visitor Form

Thank you for joining us for worship! We would love to follow-up with you...



Announcements:

Tuesday Night Devotional – Dec 23 @ 6:30pm

Please note: There will be no Wednesday service on Dec 24.

Wednesday Night Prayer Service – Dec 31 @ 6:30pm

Join us for a special prayer service, then stay afterward as we ring in the New Year together.

Men's Breakfast – Fri. Jan. 9 @ 7am

Baby Shower for Korri Nicholson

- Sun, Jan 11 @ 3pm in the Parlor.

Baby Shower for Clair Gowen

- Sun, Jan 25 @ 3pm in the Parlor.

WOW Ladies' Retreat – Jan 30–31, 2026

Theme: "You Can Do Hard Things" w/ speaker Lindsay Olsen.

Young at Heart Class will not meet 12/23 & 12/30

Westhill ARC (Addiction Recovery Counseling)

meets weekly - contact Jay Mahoney

Westhill Family, Thank you so much for all the prayers for Tiffany and our family. I love you all very much!

- **Tanya Rowden**

Privileged to Serve

AM Song Leader

AM Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Communion Leader

Communion Servers

Carson Barham

Micah Haden

Donny Beal

Jason Burnett

Ronnie Giles

Jay Mahoney

Joel Haden

Paul Wells

Justin Williams

Luke Baumgartner

Joshua Miller

Rick Newton

Dylan Nors

Ti Saulus

AM Closing Prayer

Josh Newman

PM Song Leader

PM Opening Prayer

PM Devo

PM Closing Prayer

Jay Mahoney

Jeremiah Parrish

Anthony Warnes

Grayson Baumgartner

Tues. Special Service

Prayer Service

Dec. Worship Coord.

Matt Newman / Billy Roughton

Dec. Elder of Month

Rusty Owens