

# Melbourne Church of Christ

*"A family of believers seeking to grow spiritually while sharing Jesus and serving others."*

## Why Baptism? by Paul Mowrer

It seems like such an easy question and answer, and it is. And even though some have tried to explain the need for baptism, many still struggle with what it does and is it really necessary?

Before presenting simple answers to the question, it is important to take a moment to define baptism as "immersion," according to the Greek usage. A good example of baptism (immersion) can be found in Paul's letter to the Romans, "Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death..." (Rom. 6:4).

But why the need to be baptized? Consider the following three reasons:

Through baptism, we receive the forgiveness of our sins. Peter proclaimed at Pentecost, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). We understand that the blood of bulls and goats (the old covenant sacrifice) only reminded the worshiper of his sins (Hebrews 10:1-4). Only through the blood of Jesus Christ can our sins be washed away (1 John 1:7).

Through baptism, we are placed INTO Christ. The apostle Paul confirms, "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ" (Gal. 3:27; Romans 6:3). And it is in Christ that we receive all spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3), have redemption through His blood (Eph. 1:7), and have obtained an inheritance [eternal life] (Eph. 10b-11). And if all blessings, redemption, and inheritance (and so much more) are in Jesus Christ, then none of these things can be ours if we are not in Christ.

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### Dates to Remember

- ★ Ladies meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food
- Men meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.

Sermons and bulletins available @  
[Melbournechurchofchrist.com](http://Melbournechurchofchrist.com)

**Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.**  
**Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.**



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#### Elders

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## Family News

- Rachel Phillips, Bryan's mother, broke her leg. She is currently in rehab at the nursing home in Salem.
- Ty Cooper is now home. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he continues to recover.
- Congratulations to Brent and Lis Qualls in their recent marriage. A basket is set up for cards in the foyer.
- Melbourne CoC Homecoming will be Sunday, October 30. Mark Copeland will be our speaker with a meal following services.
- \* Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

**OPENING PRAYER** Kelley Don Webb

**CLOSING PRAYER** Larry Young



**BRYAN PHILLIPS**

....Through baptism, we are placed into the body of Christ. "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body..." (1 Cor. 12:13).

And even though very similar in nature to being "in Christ," we need to know that when we are baptized into Christ we are added to the church [His body] (Acts 2:47). And there is only one body. "There is one body [the church], one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; ..." (Eph. 4:4).

"...so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another" (Romans 12:5). There is one body (the church) and one head over the body—Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23).



### Prayer List

**Military:** Derek Love, A.J. Talkington

**Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

<b>Health:</b> Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Pritchard	Troy Gaston	James Nicholson
Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips	Donny Smith	Joanne Weston
Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Helen King	Phil Haagenon
Mary Kosmitis	Dorothy Teague	Jim Fowler	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Lynn Hicks
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Arlene Davidson		Chip & Regina Master	Deborah Halcom
Ted & Sanyia Austin		J.B. & Wanda Dill	

**Nursing Home:** Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Emma Jean Cooper

### October Birthdays

Trena Humphrey 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ronnie Adkisson 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ethan Phillips 8 <sup>th</sup>
Chad Lawrence 10 <sup>th</sup>	David Brightwell 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tyler Wammack 15 <sup>th</sup>
Julie Qualls 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sue Campbell 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Melanie Crosby 25 <sup>th</sup>
Hadleigh Grigg 25 <sup>th</sup>	Rita Hoskinds 26 <sup>th</sup>	Brooke Pritchard 26 <sup>th</sup>
Thomas Lamb 27 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Elms 30 <sup>th</sup>	

### October Anniversaries

Mary & Ken Bone 14<sup>th</sup>

**1 Peter 3:20-22, "The patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which...eight persons, were brought safely through the water. Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.**