
The interconnectedness of repentance, faith, and baptism in Acts can be observed as each of these components of conversion are portrayed as leading to the forgiveness of sins. Because of their intimate relationship with one another, each of these components can be referred to as bringing about one of the benefits of salvation - the forgiveness of sins.

Peter’s instructions to those seeking forgiveness of sins is “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (2:38). Although some have sought to interpret the expression “for [eis] forgiveness of sins” as “in the hope of forgiveness” or “because of your forgiveness,” it is best to interpret the expression as indicating the purpose of repentance-baptism. The Greek preposition eis, “for,” often denotes purpose. This usage is found in the expressions, “[in order] that [eis] your sins may be blotted out” in 3:19, and “God has granted repentance [with the purpose of, eis] life” in 11:18. Compare also Matt 26:28 where the cup at the Last Supper is described as “my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for [eis] the forgiveness of sins.” Here the purpose of the sacrificial death of Jesus is described as “for” (eis) the forgiveness of sins.

A number of scholars have argued that the expression “for the forgiveness of sins” should be understood as modifying only the verb “repent.” Yet the separation of the verbs “Repent” and “be baptized” into two independent actions views these commands from the perspective of later church practice rather than the understanding of their relatedness in Acts, where they are intimately associated in time and effect. … If anything the wording of Peter’s command associates forgiveness with baptism even more closely than with repentance, for the expression “for the forgiveness of sins” is separated from the verb “repent” by “and be baptized each one of you in the name of Jesus Christ” (nine words in the Greek text). … The desire to refute a mechanistic understanding of baptism that leads to the error of baptismal regeneration need not cause us to divide and separate in time and intent these two components of the conversion experience that are intimately associated by Luke and the NT.

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excerpt from a chapter in Believer’s Baptism, edited by Schreiner and Wright
INTRODUCING: ZACH MEGEE

Today, we are interviewing Zach Megee for our Youth & Family Minister position.

EDUCATION:
2014 B.A. in Bible, Oklahoma Christian University, Summa Cum Laude

EXPERIENCE:
- 2014-2015 Pulpit Minister, Grand Avenue Church of Christ, Okmulgee, OK
- Part-Time Minister/Teacher, Various Churches in both Oklahoma and Arkansas

TODAY’S INTERVIEW SCHEDULE:
9:30 AM - Teach Teen Class with Observers
10:30 AM - Worship with Us (No Assignments)
3:00 PM - Interview with Elders
4:00 PM - Q&A with Parents
5:00 PM - Assigned Devo
5:20 PM - Adult Class/Sermon/Presentation
6:00 PM - Ice Cream Social Meet-N-Greet

COOKIES!

It’s Cookie Time! We need lots and lots of cookies (over 100 dozen) for the campers at Frog Road. There are two boxes in the foyer to put cookies in if you would like to donate.

Sunday, June 5
Zac Megee will be here to try out for the Youth Ministry position

Wednesday, June 8
Summer series, our speaker will be Chris Stinnett from Seminole

Saturday, June 11
Frog Road Camp mowing/finish camp preparations

Sunday, June 12
Frog Road Camp Faith Week

Wednesday, June 15
Summer Series, our speaker will be Robert Prater from Crosstown

Sunday, June 19
Father’s Day
Elder’s and Deacon’s meeting at 3:00

Sunday, June 26
Congregational picnic with ice cream (group Hill; after pm services)
IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Taylor Morgan continues to have trouble with his leg, it is not healing as it should.
- Our sympathy goes out to Dorothy Ennis after the passing of her husband Paul Ennis. Services were last Wednesday.
- Service men and women: Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear; Josh Triay (Becky’s nephew)

Long Term Prayer List: Eric Vaughan (heart surgery); Henry Lack (dizziness); Stephanie White (pain); Dolores Scherman; Faith Eaton (g-rddau. Of Henry & Winne);

GREAT NEWS!

We are pleased to announce that Mark Martinez (Kaci’s husband) was baptized last Sunday Morning. Welcome to the Lord’s church!

GOSPEL MEETING

The Sperry congregation is having a Gospel Meeting beginning today thru Wednesday. There is a flyer posted on the bulletin board with more information.

Life’s Crossroads

Sometimes we come to life’s crossroads
And view what we think is the end,
But God has a much wider vision
And He knows it’s only a bend.
The road will go on and get smoother;
And after we’ve stopped for a rest,
The path that lies hidden beyond us
Is often the part that is best.
So rest and relax and grow stronger
Let go and let God share your load,
And have faith in a brighter tomorrow;
You’ve just come to a bend in the road.

YOUTH ACOMPLISHMENTS

◊ Savannah Caddell knows the Fruits of the Spirit
◊ Colby Martinez knows how many books there are in the Old Testament.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The amount collected from the 5th Sunday special collection was $1,948.

FROG ROAD CAMP

- Saturday, June 11th mowing and finish any jobs before the kids arrive
- Sunday, June 12th camp begins!

THANK YOU

We received a note from Andy Burns, he is the man who spoke to us one Sunday evening about the New Mexico Christian Children’s Home. “I so appreciated the opportunity to share a presentation of the Home with each of you. ... I was deeply humbled and thankful for the generous donations to the Home that many offered...” I will post this note on the bulletin board so you can read all of it.

LOST AND FOUND

Have you misplaced your glasses? There are two pair on the desk in the foyer.

REMINDER

Please remember to let the office know if your phone number has changed. When there is an important message for the congregation a recorded message will be sent out by phone. This is the fastest way to let everyone know. Thank you.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jesse Phillippe, June 5
Sloan & Lindsey Bain, June 6
Nathan Crawford, June 6
Dill & Deb Path, June 6
Carl & Bayla Burrus, June 6
Chelsea Khoury, June 7
Jeff & Steph Bullinger, June 10
Kelsey Riggs, June 12
Alyssa Caddell, June 13
Chris Mulkey, June 13
Leasa Mulkey, June 15
Dennis Robinson, June 16
Chris & Tracy Patterson, June 19
Kenneth Collins, June 20
Virginia Burrus, June 21
COMMUNION PREPARATION

6/5   Valerie Whittlesey
6/12  Bayla Burrus
6/19  Lilia Rothell
6/26  Becky Byers
7/3   Leasa Mulkey

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader          Matt Caldwell
Opening Prayer       Bill Path
Table
1. Wes Wadkins
2. Ryan McCafferty
3. Keith Riggs
4. Jeff Bullinger
5. Hayden Bullinger
6. Larry Potter

Scripture Reading    Zac Caldwell
Closing Prayer       Randy Crawford

SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader          Matt Caldwell
Opening Prayer       David Tenison
Table
1. Keith Riggs
2. Ryan McCafferty

Closing Prayer       Zac Tenison

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader          Steve Wetzel
Opening Prayer       Bill Hamrick
Devotional            Summer Series
Closing Prayer       Larry Potter

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Contribution  $4,052
Budget                  $4,625
Over Budget             $983

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bible Classes  146
Sunday AM Worship     201
Sunday PM Worship     106
Wednesday Bible Classes 95

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

6/5     Deb & Sandy
6/12    Lilia & Rita
6/19    Saundra & Nancy
6/26    Stephanie & Mackayla
7/3     Tonya & Toni

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Classes / 9:30 am
Worship / 10:30 am

SUNDAY EVENING

Devo: Psalm 91
Sunday Evening Class: Special Presentation by Zach Megee