

TO SERVE TODAY: 12/22/24	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Nick Bryanr	Dale Aden
Song Leading	Keith Peevyhouse	Nick Bryant
Preside Lord's Supper	D. Bryant & NickBryant	
Scripture Reading	Mickey Keen	Dale Aden
Closing Prayer	Josh Brasher	Dylan Holt
<b>NEXT WEEK:</b>		
Opening Prayer	Mark Wright	David Bryant
Song Leading	Keith Peevyhouse	Nick Bryant
Preside Lord's Supper	David Bryant and Nick Bryant	
Scripture Reading	Dylan Holt	John Henry Long
Closing Prayer	John Henry Long	David Bryant

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES	
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	Bible Class 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM <i>(Meet-Eat-Meet each second Sunday)</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	Bible Study 6:30 PM <i>(Fellowship &amp; devo each fourth Wednesday)</i>

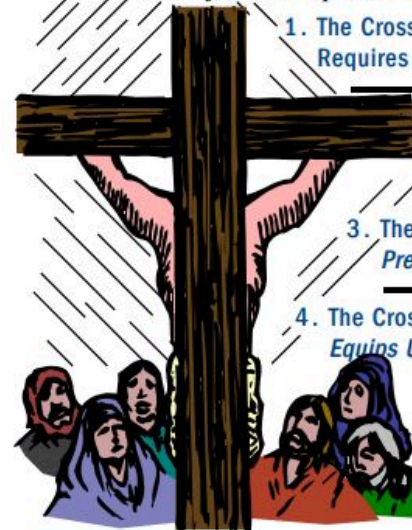


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# The Follower

## The Cross of Christian Discipleship

*"Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." Matthew 16:24*



1. The Cross of Christian Discipleship Requires *Self-Denial*
2. The Cross of Christian Discipleship Must Be *Freely Taken*
3. The Cross of Christian Discipleship Prepares Us for the *Worst*
4. The Cross of Christian Discipleship Equips Us for the *Best*
5. The Cross of Christian Discipleship is the *Way of Christ*

THAT WAS OUR SAVIOR ON THE CROSS OF CALVARY . . . FOR US!

**IT IS AN HONOR TO BE A DISCIPLE OF OUR LORD!**

*Barnes' Bible Charts*

December 22, 2024

# Remember in Prayer ...

- Sean Lovelace
- Sarah Beth Mayfield
- Monte and Sandy Morris
- Graham Holmes
- Kevin Ricketts
- Joann Moore; ; Pat Ing; Kevin Wright; Jim McCaig (Shirley's half-brother); Kristi Martin (Rhonda's sister); Carolyn Lovelace (Dale Aden's sister); Sean Lovelace

# News and Notes...

- We welcome our visitors!
- Devo this Wednesday evening: Mark Wright
- Sign-up sheets are on the foyer board for those who are willing to host the 4th Wednesday devo.

# December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dale Ballentine 6th, Pam Bryant 10th, Keith Peevyhouse 23rd, Diane Giles 26th, David Hilliard, Sophie Hilliard and Britni Shepherd 29th

# WATER BAPTISM

*In Scripture and History*

## WATER BAPTISM— IS IT IN THE PLAN OF SALVATION?

Listed below are three of many reasons why baptism is an absolute necessity.

### 1. THE BIBLE SAYS SO!

JOHN 3:5—

"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the into kingdom of God." Most Bible commentaries agree that water here refers to baptism.

See Matthew Henry; Adam Clark; *A History of the Christian Church*, Walker; *Catholic Encyclopedia*; *Oxford Dictionary of Church*; *Interpreters Dictionary of Bible*; *Temples Bible Dictionary*.

MARK 16:16—

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Notice how Jesus places baptism in conjunction with salvation.

I PETER 3:21—

"Baptism doth also now save us." Also see Acts 10:6, 48.

### 2. IT REMITS SIN

HEBREWS 9:22—

The application of the blood of Christ is necessary to remit sin. What then is the biblical way to receive remission of sin? The answer to this question will also be the way to get the Savior's blood applied.

LUKE 24:47—

"Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name" (Jesus).

ACTS 2:38 —

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. . ." The blood of Jesus is applied through water baptism in the name of Jesus. Also see I John 5:8 and Acts 22:16.

### 3. BAPTISM IN THE CHURCH

Every New Testament church was formed by those who were baptized after believing and repenting.

Galatians 3:27 and I Corinthians 12:13.

1. CHURCH AT JERUSALEM -	3000 were baptized	Acts 2:41
2. CHURCH AT SAMARIA -	Believed and were baptized, men and women	Acts 8:12-16
3. CHURCH AT CAESAREA -	Peter commanded them to be baptized	Acts 10:48
4. CHURCH AT PHILLIPPI -	Lydia and the Philippian jailer baptized	Acts 16:14-33
5. CHURCH AT CORINTH -	Believed and were baptized	Acts 18:8
6. CHURCH AT EPHEBUS -	Paul rebaptized certain disciples	Acts 19:1-8
7. CHURCH AT GALATIA -	Believed Paul and baptized into Christ	Gal. 3:27
8. CHURCH AT COLOSSE -	Were buried with Christ in baptism	Col. 2:12
9. CHURCH AT ROME -	Died to sin, then buried in baptism	Romans 6: 1-4

