

Giving Thanks

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Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

John 16:7

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

2 Peter 1:3

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...

Galatians 5:22-23a

How have I seen the Holy Spirit at work in my life?

How have I seen the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of those around me?



Baptism

Celebrating Their Faith in Jesus Christ Through Baptism Today:

First Service:

Ian Creviston Paul Kostishak
Owen Good Danny Love
Taylar McFadden Janet Love
Zoe Snyder Kayla Galbreath

Second Service:

Lincoln Hughes Ella Rineer
Caleb Gerig Nya Robertson
Elijah Bias Ryan Shepard
Aspen Jones Mia Wissler
Micah Kreider

What is baptism?

Throughout the New Testament, people publicly displayed their faith in Christ through baptism (Acts 2:38-41, 8:36-38). They did this as an act of obedience (Matthew 28:19) to identify themselves with Jesus Christ (Romans 6:3-4).

“Baptism is a physical picture of a spiritual truth. Baptism declares your faith, shares Christ’s burial and resurrection, symbolizes your death to your old life, and announces your new life in Christ. It is also a celebration of your inclusion in God’s family.”

Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2002, p. 120.

Baptism is not a means to gain salvation. Baptism does not make you a member of God’s family; faith in Christ alone does that. Rather, baptism is a public expression of your personal faith.

Baptism is different than church membership. Baptism is a public expression of your commitment to Jesus Christ. Church membership is your commitment to a local family of Christ-followers. The only biblical condition for baptism is that you have placed your faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.

If you are interested in being baptized, please contact Aimee Conley in the Church Office at 717.426.1345, aconley@cbcpcpa.org, or through Realm.