

**Times of Worship**  
**Sunday**  
10:00 a.m. (Bible Study) Classes Available  
10:45 a.m. (Worship)  
6:00 p.m. (Worship)

**Wednesday**  
7:00 p.m. (Bible Study) Classes Available

**3rd Tuesday of the Month**  
7:00 p.m. (Ladies Bible Study)

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# The Lamplight

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## Man Says and God Says: Baptism

As we look throughout the Bible God has given us his word (**II Timothy 3:16-17**). The Bible completes us in a way that we can be found well pleasing according to God. We have a standard that we can live by and know what we need to do. We are to be sanctified or "to be set apart" by the word of truth (**John 17:17**).

However, the world has different views when it comes to many morality and doctrinal issues. Man has different ideas than what we are taught in the Bible. We are to put God first in our lives (**Matthew 6:33**). We are also warned to not serve two masters (**Matthew 6:24**). If we try to there will be problems we cannot show loyalty to both. Eventually, there will also be confliction between both. There is absolutely no possible way for us to obey God while putting God second!

When we talk about doctrinal issues between both we can see a difference on many issues. We want to examine one specific issue that affects our eternal home. Let's consider what man says and what God says about baptism.

***Man Says About Baptism*** Man has many views concerning the subject of baptism. Some believe it is pouring or sprinkling. Some believe with pouring or sprinkling that an infant needs to have it done or else they will not be saved.

Another thing to consider for a few moments is that there are many ideas of to whom one is baptized in the name of. Some believe it is the church or another person that you are baptized in the name of.

Man also will question baptism as to whether it is essential. Many believe that baptism is something that you can or cannot do. Some think sadly that it is based on your own personal choice. If you do it that's okay and if you don't it's also okay. Is this really okay to think that these are acceptable without considering God's Word?

***Not All Baptisms Are the Same*** Sadly many are under the impression that any baptism is sufficient when it comes to this subject. However are these truly baptisms? Think about it! According to Vine Expository dictionary baptism is the process of immersion, submersion, and emergence. Can we immerse someone by pouring or sprinkling? No!

Instead of using the word baptism let's compare using words that define baptism and compare it to words like sprinkling or pouring.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THOSE THAT ARE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Sam Butler  
Destiny's grandmother  
Carol Blubaugh's brother  
Amber and baby Gabriel  
Cindy Anthill  
Harold Reynolds niece  
Shirley Dunn's Daughter  
Jason Workman  
Esther Adams  
Wilbur Bland Multiple Health Issues  
Rhonda Hess  
Shannon (Judy's Step Granddaughter) and Children  
Marlene McCullough  
Vera Snow  
Bob Buckland  
Bill Weigle  
Daniel Sanders grandparents

### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sam Butler will be having surgery to remove a mass on his pancreas**

**Destiny's grandmother has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and is home receiving hospice care**

**The Sanders family will be out of town August 10th visiting in Indiana**

**REMEMBER OUR GOSPEL MEETING IS COMING QUICKLY IT STARTS ON AUGUST 28TH WITH ERIC KRIEG OF MEDINA, OH**

**Continue to pray for Amber and Baby Gabriel**

**Jason Workman is in military**

**Lesley's friend Cindy Anthill has been informed she will no longer receive treatment for her melanoma**

**CD's available upon request**

**If you have someone who may like to receive a bulletin please write down information and give it to Daniel**

# **ORDER OF SERVICES**

## **MORNING SERVICES**

**Announcements: Daniel Sanders**

**Song Leader: Josh Marshall**

**Opening Prayer: Daniel Morehouse**

**Heading Lord's Table: Eldred Hess**

**Speaker: Daniel Sanders**

**Closing Prayer: Harold Reynolds**

## **EVENING SERVICES**

**Song Leader: Josh Marshall**

**Opening Prayer: Josh Marshall**

**Lord's Table: Eldred Hess**

**Speaker: Daniel Sanders**

**Closing Prayer: Jim Cline**

## **WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES**

**Announcements: Daniel Sanders**

**Song Leader: Josh Marshall**

**Opening Prayer: Eldred Hess**

**Invitation: Daniel Sanders**

**Closing Prayer: Daniel Morehouse**

Instead of saying we baptized someone let's see how it looks in our English language. Let's compare "Last night we poured John" or "Last night we sprinkled Suzy" now "Last night we immersed Jack". According to even to our English language and grammar these do not even make sense.

However, we also must be mindful that baptism through the only way being immersion has to be done in a correct way. Consider the events **Acts 19:1-7**. We have men there in Ephesus who had not received the gospel of Jesus Christ. These men were following the baptism of John. It was a baptism of repentance. They did not receive the gospel and knowledge of the baptism of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (**Acts 2:38**). After Paul spoke with these individuals and taught them in a more correct and accurate way what happened? They were baptized again this time in the name of Jesus Christ by example (**Matthew 28:18-20**). As we can again it must be stated not all baptisms are the same.

**God Says** According to God there is one baptism (**Ephesians 4:5**). How can we think and believe that other forms and I use this loosely of "baptism" can be sufficient?

By example again considering what is said in **Matthew 28:18-20** Jesus commanded all to be baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We have a name and identity we are to be baptized in the name of. Thus, we become children of God through answering the call of obedience through baptism.

Baptism is immersion we have an example in the **Acts 8:38**. After receiving the gospel the Eunuch and Philip went down into the water after they found enough water for the eunuch to be baptized. Then in **Acts 8:39** they came up out of the water. Is that possible with pouring or sprinkling? No!

We are commanded to be baptized and that it is essential (**Mark 16:16**). Without baptism we are not saved. God has chosen baptism to save us. It is up to us to believe it, trust it, and obey it (**1 Peter 3:21**). We also by example know that baptism was followed in **Acts 2, 8, 9, 10, 16**. All these events in these chapters talks about people believing in the gospel and obeying God's will through washing their sins away through baptism. Can we now see a difference between what man says and God says about baptism?

**Daniel Sanders**

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME TO SERVICES AND YOU  
HAVE SOMETHING TO DO PLEASE LET SOMEONE KNOW!**

**Sunday Morning Sermon Note Taking**

**Sunday Evening Sermon Note Taking**