

**Elders:**

Rufus Barfield \* Donnie McDaniel

**Deacons:**

Paul Byas \* Chris Gorham \* Antoine Holloway  
Michael Myrick \* Sheldon Smith

**Evangelist:**

Antoine Holloway

**Worship Times:**

Sunday Bible Study/9:30AM      Sunday Morning Worship/10:30AM  
Sunday Evening Worship/6:00PM      Wednesday Bible Study/7:30PM

**Meetings:**

**Men's Leadership Class**

July 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am

**Saturday Discipleship Class**

June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:00am

**Elders/Deacons Meeting**

June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:00pm

**Women's Thursday Bible Study**

July 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

**2012 Vacation Bible School - Theme: All Aboard The Kingdom Express**

June 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 – Speaker: Brandon Trout of Severn, Maryland

**2012 Summer Lectureship – Remaining Faithful & Enabled For The Ministry**

August 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**2012 Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Philip Mullins of Ashburn, Virginia**

October 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Prayer Requests (Health Problems & Sick Presently)**

Beth Anderson \* Monica Barbour \* Andrew Madison \* Bruce McDonald \*  
Isaac Parker \* Lewis & Anne Wise

**Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)**

Anne Harrison \* Steven Chung \* Carlos Vargas

**Prayer Request (Traveling)**

Erin Berry \* The Dillon Family \* Michael Douglas \* Myron Hutchison \* The  
Lovett Family \* The Myrick Family \* Tangela Williams \* Tyrone & Kalandra  
Williams

**Additional Announcements**

- **New Elders & Deacons Will Be Appointed Immediately After This Morning Services**
- **Interested In Free Books? – Go To The Library After Morning Worship – Only Take Books On The Table**

**Contribution & Attendance Figures**

May 20 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,688-Contribution	120-Attendance
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,290-Contribution	127-Attendance

**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

Hear The Gospel (Acts 15:7) \* Believe In Jesus (Acts 8:12) \* Repent Of  
Our Sins (Acts 3:19) \* Confess Christ To Be The Son Of God (Acts 8:37)  
\* Be Baptized In Water (Acts 22:16) \* Remain Faithful (Acts 2:42)

**TODAY'S DATE: May 27, 2012**

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**Updated This Week By Calvin Mitchell**

***"A Going Church For A Coming Lord, Which Does  
All The Lord Authorizes" – Romans 16:16***

# Biblical Answers To Core Baptist Church Doctrine

## **Baptism Is By Immersion, But It Not Essential To Salvation**

**Romans 6:3-4** teaches that baptism is by immersion, but it is also essential to salvation. It is at the point of baptism that a person is placed into Christ & not before.

## **Baptism Is Essential For Membership Into A Baptist Church**

A person is saved at the point of baptism (**Acts 2:38**). Once a person is saved, then God adds them to His church (**Acts 2:47**). This is the church in a universal sense. However, this person must join themselves to a group of disciples (local church) in order to do the work Christ commanded them to do (**Acts 9:26**). Also, the Bible does not mention the Baptist church.

## **Baptism Is To Be Performed By An Ordained Baptist Minister**

Baptism is between the Giver of salvation (God) & the receiver of salvation (sinner). The process of salvation does not require a specific pedigree of the baptizer. In order for a baptism to be valid, there has to be the right method (immersion – **Romans 6:4** & **Colossians 2:12**), the right substance (water – **1 Peter 3:20-21**), the right candidate (repentant believer of the truth – **Acts 2:37-41**), the right authority (Christ: Hearing, Believing, Repenting, & Confessing precedes baptism - **1 Corinthians 10:1-2** & **Colossians 3:17**), the right purpose (forgiveness of sins & rebirth - **John 3:5** & **Acts 2:38**), & the right promise (sins washed away, entrance into the kingdom, placed in Christ, placed in His one body, & salvation - **Hebrews 10:36**). The baptizer is merely an incidental in fulfilling the plan. If we bind the baptizer's pedigree, then no one can truly be certain of their salvation.

## **Candidates For Baptism Are First Voted On By The Congregation**

This creed would not have worked in **Acts 9**, for Ananias was against Saul hearing the gospel. This creed would not have worked in **Acts 8:35-39**, for the "I's" would not have overcome the "Nay's" in this situation. The candidate cannot vote, nor can the baptizer, in which this only leaves the horse & all he can say is "nay."

## **The Impossibility Of Apostasy**

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> point of Calvinism known as "Perseverance Of The Saints" or known today as the "Once Saved, Always Saved Doctrine." The position is: if you do fall away from the faith, then it is evidence that you were never saved. This is completely & utterly false. We are saved by the blood of Jesus, but we can consider it an unholy thing (**Ephesians 1:7** & **Hebrews 10:29**). We are saved by faith, but it can be overthrown (**John 8:24** & **2 Timothy 2:18**). We are saved by the gospel, but we can believe it in vain (**Romans 1:16** & **1 Corinthians 15:1-2**). We are saved by God, but we can depart from Him (**1 Timothy 2:3-4** & **Hebrews 3:12**). We are saved by grace, but we can fall from it (**Ephesians 2:8** & **Galatians 5:4**). We are saved by Jesus, but we can still deny Him (**Matthew 1:21** & **2 Peter 2:1**). We are saved by the truth, but we can err from it (**John 8:32** & **James 5:19**). In order for the latter to happen, then the former must be true. Therefore, if we engage in the latter, then is such a person still saved?

## **Congregational Government By One Pastor & Board Of Deacons**

The Bible is silent about a deaconship in the absence of an eldership. Also, in **Philippians 1:1**, there must be a plurality of Elders overseeing the congregation.

## **Annual Conventions To Vote On Official Denominational Positions**

**Galatians 1:6-9** makes clear that there is only one gospel. Paul further clarifies that if he or an angel from Heaven brings a different message, then we are not to accept it. This is inclusive of Conventions too.

## **Closed Communion**

In **1 Corinthians 11:28-29**, the Bible instructs all in attendance to examine themselves prior to partaking of the Lord's Supper & what the consequences are if one is unqualified to partake. As Christians, this is all we are authorized to make clear & nothing more.

## **The Frequency Of The Lord's Supper Is Optional**

The frequency is not optional, but authorized by apostolic example. **Acts 20:7** teaches that we are to partake of the Lord's Supper every first day of the week.

- **Antoine N. Holloway**