



KANNAPOLIS
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CHRIST

The Lighthouse

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Commands from Christ are not Optional

I recently read a Bible Q&A article written by a denominational preacher. In it he was asked, "Can you go to heaven if you 'trust' Jesus as your Lord and Savior but you are not yet baptized?" He began his answer by saying: "Yes. Baptism has nothing to do with salvation." Later in the answer he stated: "Baptism is an ordinance instituted by Christ until the 'end of the age'...Clearly this command was not only for the apostles who heard it but for His followers throughout the entire age." Finally, he concluded with: "One is saved without, apart from and before baptism. Those who are saved should desire baptism as a public profession of faith, but please realize that it is not necessary for salvation. If a person believes in Jesus as Lord and is never baptized, they will still be saved."

I would like to analyze how this person answered this most sincere and important question about baptism and see if it really "holds water." I think it is very interesting that he admits that baptism is a command from Christ and then declares that it does not have to be followed for salvation. Imagine that! The command from Jesus Christ to be baptized is optional (or so he said)! Given this logic, I wonder what other commands from Christ would be optional? I guess all that are not in line with man's teachings!

All facetiousness aside, listen to what Jesus Himself said concerning what our attitude should be toward every command He gives:

- John 14:15, "If you love Me, keep My commandments."
- John 14:21, "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me."
- John 15:10, "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love"
- John 15:14, "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you."

Note that there is no room in these verses for options, opinions, or omissions. That's because Jesus is the One with all authority in heaven and on earth (Matt. 28:18). Whatever He has commanded, we'd better do. And Jesus commanded baptism as necessary for salvation (Mark 16:16) and declared it to be the process of how people become His disciples (Matt. 28:19). The apostles went about baptizing "in the name of" Jesus Christ (i.e. in the manner and for the purpose He authorized, see Acts 2:38; 10:48). They knew something we should never forget: If it's a command from Christ, it's not an option.

--Edd Sterchi, Broadway church of Christ, Campbellsville, KY

Welcome,

We are so glad you are here!

Please know

- We will not ask you to stand and then focus our attention on you.
- We do not expect you to give money when we take a collection from our church members, however any gifts will be graciously received.
- We partake of the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day (Acts 20:7). You have the option of participating, or not, in the communion when it is served. Read 1 Cor. 11:23-29

- For those who have small children, the following options are available:

- o Your child/children may stay in the auditorium with you. (We love children)
- o We have a staffed nursery for children 0 -2 years old during Sunday morning Worship.



Please tell us a little bit about you by filling out a Visitor form in the lobby OR

Hang around a bit after service & get to know us!

Thank you for being our guest and come back soon.



scan the QR code to fill in electronically.

Our Mission

We take our stand on the Bible. Affirming it to be the complete, inspired, and authoritative Word of God.

We believe:

- o there is one true and living God, creator of all things.
- o Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only One through whom people can be saved.
- o We are saved through faith in Jesus Christ. It is not our own works, but God's power through the blood of Christ that saves us.
- o The true church is the one found in the New Testament. Therefore, our effort and desire are to believe and do what the church did and taught.
- o The New Testament teaches that a person encounters the saving blood of Christ at the point they are moved by faith to repent, confess Jesus as Lord, and be immersed in baptism for the remission of sins.
- o Becoming a Christian embraces a commitment to spiritual growth in service, prayer, worship and giving.
- o Our mission is to seek the spiritually lost and to share the good news of Jesus Christ

Month of June		Weekly	06/14/26	06/21/26
Presiding Shepherd		Baptismal Clothes	Andrea Gregory	Julie Sills
Darrell Johnson		Building Monitors	Tom Whitaker	Jeff Deason
Announcements			Jeff Hall	Brad Fortson
Mike Sills		Sunday Morning	06/14/26	06/21/26
Lord's Table		Lead Singing	Joe Eagle	Cameron Goldman
Preside	Jim Craddock	Opening Prayer	Darrell Carroll	John Lewis
Servers – Table	Stone MacPhee	Scripture Reading	Garrett Fortson	
	Melvin Bennett		Jeff Hall	
Servers – Sides	Mike McFalls	Closing Prayer	Mark Bargeloh	Brad Fortson
	Darrell Carroll	Greeters	Jeff Hall	Pat Putnal
Ushers	Larry Gregory		Jerry Hall	Anita Gaines
	Connor Honeycutt	Shut Down Building	Jeff Deason	Jeff Hall
AV Room – Sun AM	T Dunphy		Ron Bean	Garrett Fortson
	G Stiltner	Nursery Attendants	Kim Deason	
AV Room – Sun PM	M Bennett		Kelly Craddock	
	D Johnson	Sunday Evening	06/14/26	06/21/26
AV Room – Wed PM	M Bennett	Lead Singing	Mark Bargeloh	Cameron Goldman
	M Sills	Opening Prayer	John Rowden	Elliotte Lawing
Contributions	E Lawing	Closing Prayer	Jeff Hall	Mike Sills
	R Bean	Shut Down Building	Trent Fortson	Trent Fortson
J Deason	Brad Fortson		Brad Fortson	
Food for Families	Annette Hall	Wednesday Evening	06/17/26	06/24/26
Please use the microphones when speaking in a public manner to ensure those with hearing impairments may hear the speaker.		Lead Singing	Cameron Goldman	Mark Bargeloh
		Opening Prayer	Ron Bean	Jeff Hall
		Closing Prayer	Brad Fortson	Mike Sills
		Shut Down Building	Brad Fortson	Cameron Goldman
If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact				
Mike Sills at 919.273.3018				

Opportunities

(FCR =Family Communications Room)

The Lunch Crew Tuesdays at 12-noon

June 16th Parkway House
June 23rd Charros
July 1st Harrisburg Family
July 8th Mayflower

Area-Wide Singing

@ Centergrove
7 PM, Friday, **June 28th**

Area Meetings

June 21-23
Billy Smith @ Northwest in Greensboro

See FCR for more info

Check your Mailbox

Member Mailboxes in the FCR have been updated. Please check to be sure you have one and that spellings are accurate. Your box is **below** your name.

Summer Activities

Info & sign up in FCR

June 23, 7 PM
Kannapolis Cannon Ballers Game

June 20, 7 PM
Concert in the Park (Village Park)
-Josh Turner

July 9, 7 PM
Young Adult Game Night

July 17, 8:45 PM
Movie in the Park (Village Park)
-How to Train Your Dragon

July 30, 7 PM
Kannapolis Cannon Ballers Game

July 31, 8:45 PM
Movie in the Park (Village Park)
-Super Mario Bros Galaxy

Make plans now to attend

Horizons 2026

July 5-10 @Freed-Hardeman Univ.

Registration is open

REMINDER: Send bulletin announcements or updates to info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org.

God's Steps to Salvation

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hear the Gospel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Romans 10:17 ○ Luke 11:28 ○ John 5:24 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believe the Gospel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hebrews 11:6 ○ John 3:16 ○ John 3:36 ○ Romans 10:9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repent of past Sins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acts 17:30 ○ Luke 5:31-32 ○ Acts 20:21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confess Faith in Jesus Christ: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Matthew 10:32 ○ Philippians 2:11 ○ 1 John 2:23 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be Baptized: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acts 2:38 ○ Mark 16:16 ○ Romans 6:1-23 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be Faithful: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hebrews 10:23 ○ Luke 16:10 ○ Hebrews 3:12-19

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Bible Study: 9:00AM
 Morning Worship: 10:00AM
 Evening Worship 6:00PM

Monday - Friday

Online Devotional-

with Kirk Sams



Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00PM

All services are streamed on the church Facebook Page and YouTube

Weekly Attendance

	05-31-26	06-07-26
Bible Class	58	49
Sunday AM	106	91
Sunday PM	80	42
	06-03-26	06-10-26
Wednesday	60	57

Weekly Contributions

Weekly Goal	\$5,990.00
05-31-26	06-07-26
\$7,540.00	\$4,183.00



PRAYER REQUESTS

“Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will in Christ Jesus.”

– 1 Thes. 5:16-18

Have a Prayer Request? Please send email to: info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org

New Requests:



Rose Turner, mother of Karen Rogers, passed away on Tuesday. Please keep the family in your prayers during this time.

Gina Cook, friend and neighbor of the Deasons, passed away Thursday morning. Prayers are requested for the Cook family.

Updates/Continued Prayers:

- Freda Andrews** continues to recover as her ankle heals after a fall.
- Cane Anthony** (neighbor of the Sams household) continues his chemo treatments.
- Ronnie Bean** has been diagnosed with cancer on his esophagus and will be scheduled for a minimally invasive procedure in the next few weeks. No side effects are expected.
- Jill Bodenheimer** (Gay Bolick’s daughter) is being treated for bladder cancer and is receiving chemo and radiation treatments.
- Ronald Bost** (Don Bost’s brother) is now at home. Prayers appreciated as he gains strength.
- Samuel Brockman** (Elliott Lawing’s cousin) is receiving medication for pain management.
- Sandy Brotherton** requests continued prayers.
- Tony Hill** (Tom Whitaker’s brother-in-law) is at home under palliative care.
- Susie Hinson** (the Rogers’ neighbor) is tolerating the medication for her spleen cancer and she requests prayers for healing and rest. Also pray for **Janice** as she supports Susie.
- Freda Holladay** continues healing her fall.
- Rick Howard** is home and on IV antibiotics as he continues to recover
- Steve and Peggy Lambert** (friends of Bob Damron) are both battling cancer.
- Shellie Long** has been hospitalized with pneumonia.
- Othella Bea Pena** (daughter of Juan & Holly, Pam’s niece) is doing well and is slowly coming off all the tubes. Once doctors have taken her off of the feeding tube, she will be able to go home. The family appreciates all of the prayers on their behalf..
- Mickey Stoner** continues rehab for his knee and ankle at The Greens.
- Sharon Taylor** (Flo Hoel’s daughter-in-law) is undergoing rehab following her strokes.



Please keep these people in your prayers & send cards as you are able
Addresses are on the bulletin board in the FCR or scan QR code.



SCAN ME

Long-term Healing Journey:

Rhye Glaum (Bean’s great grandson)

Ronald Lancaster (Butch Lancaster’s brother)

Jay Miller (Bobbie Seabolt’s brother)

Dale Winchester

Joseph Lee (Craddock’s son-in-law)

Shellie Long (Bobbie Seabolt’s niece)

Douglas Scruggs (Gary Scruggs’ brother)

Lisa Winchester

Shut-ins:

Lil Burton | Anna Cleveland | Fran Wehe

Military:

Ricky Ardrey (Teresa Clowney’s son-in-law)

Aaron Deason

James Schriever (friend of Coopers)

Landon & Lawson Bean (grandsons of Beans)

Marquita Allen (Daughter of Ray Andrews)

Brian Mullins (Northview COC)

David Jones (Dan Payne’s nephew)

Cameron McAllister (C&B Lancaster’s nephew)

Dante Durant (friend of Yost & Edwards’ family)

Lee Henson (friend of Rogers)



June Anniversaries

D&P Bost

06/28



June Birthdays

Freda Andrews

06/17

Anna Cleveland

06/18

Abby Dailey

06/21

Patsy McFalls

06/25

Shaunta Clowney

06/28

Wed. Night Summer Series: In the Shadow of the Cross

6/17 One & Only Son

Ed DeBerry, University

6/24 The Passover Lamb

Dean Thompson, University

7/01 The Rock

Josh Moss, Centergrove

7/08 Bread of Life

Rob Albright, Northwest

7/15 Lifted Up

Chance Blackmer, Charlotte Ave

7/22 Day of Atonement

Keaton Pearce, Gold Hill Rd