



## Times of Worship

<b>Sunday Bible Classes:</b>	9am
<b>Sunday AM Worship:</b>	10am
<b>Sunday PM Worship:</b>	5pm
<b>Wednesday Bible Study:</b>	7pm

## Join us Online

### Church Website:

<https://www.westfayettechurchofchrist.com/>

### YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGckN8D9NwwX3KUuQ4GRKyA>

## Interested in a Bible Study?

Please send an email to [patcawthon@gmail.com](mailto:patcawthon@gmail.com)

## Evangelist

Patrick Cawthon

# Belief + Baptism = Salvation

After Jesus rose from the dead on the third day and before He ascended into heaven, He gave His eleven apostles what we call the Great Commission. This commission is given in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). In short, Jesus commanded them to be witnesses of His resurrection and preach the gospel to the whole world.

Let's look together at the beginning of the Great Commission given in **Mark 16:15-16**. Jesus commands His apostles, *"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned."*

Jesus first tells the apostles to "go into all the world." I wonder how many of the apostles have gone outside of regions of Galilee, Samaria, and Judea? Jesus is now telling them to go into all the world. When Peter wrote his first letter to "those who reside as aliens," he "urged them as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul." (**1Pe 1:1; 2:11**) Being a disciple means action.

"Preach the gospel to all creation." Jesus' plan for the gospel was for the Jews and Gentiles to hear and respond to the good news. God sent Peter, a devout Jew, to be the first one to share the gospel

## Week of April 2

### Attendance

- ✦ **AM Service** - 58
- ✦ **PM Service** - 45
- ✦ **Wednesday Service** -

### Contribution

- ✦ Weekly Budget \$2,400
- ✦ Contribution - \$4,004

### Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

- ✦ Shelton Gray (4/12)
- ✦ Lyle Ledbury (4/20)
- ✦ Hannah and Cody Davis Anniversary (4/24)
- ✦ Trey Wyssbrod (4/27)

### Calendar Items

**Women's Bible Study** Tuesday at the building at 11a (Romans)

**Song Learning Class** on this afternoon at 4p at the building

**Men's Meeting** will be on the 4th Sunday of the month

**Gospel Meeting** with Mr. Wright will start Sunday April 30 through May 5

### Today's Lessons

- ✦ Idols in the Wilderness
- ✦ You're the Man

with the Gentiles in Acts 10. Our job is to share the gospel with anyone and everyone.

“He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved.” This statement has not been accepted by a lot of people. A prominent teaching is in order to be saved you just need to believe and accept Jesus in your heart. They would claim baptism is a work and therefore not needed for salvation. They claim, “Baptism is an outward expression of an inward reality.” Jesus said if you want to be saved, you need to believe and be baptized - you need both.

If you take out belief or baptism in this equation, you are incorrect. Sometimes people stress baptism so much people think all they need to do to be saved is be baptized. If the person getting baptized does not have the right belief, all they are doing is getting wet. We need to preach both aspects of salvation - belief + baptism = salvation.

“He who has disbelieved shall be condemned.” If you do not believe, you will be condemned. Some would argue that it says nothing about baptism and condemnation. They might argue, “If baptism was so essential for salvation, Jesus would have said, “he who has disbelieved and not baptized shall be condemned.” My question would be, “Why would someone want to be baptized if they don't believe”?

Notice all the commands given to the apostles in these two verses. First they need to go into all the world. Secondly, they need to preach the gospel to all creation. Third, they need to baptize those who believe the gospel message.

If this is what Jesus wanted His apostles to go and do, shouldn't we do the same thing?! In fact that is exactly what we see in Acts 8. The Christians who believed and were baptized were scattered preaching the gospel to all creation.

Patrick