

Welcome To boomerang**church**



THIS is YOUR GREAT Year!

KICKSTART 2018
CONFERENCE

#KS18

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UpComing Events:

NEXT SUN	Bring Back Baby Bottles Filled UP!
F-S Feb 16-17	LEAD18 w/ Pastor JB-Agape Ch. Winston-Salem
Mon Feb 26th	6pm Community Ladies Gathering!
Sat Mar 3rd	9am Leadership Basic Training @ Boomerang - INVITE!
Sat Mar 17th	6pm Boomerang Hockey Night w/The Checkers!

Weekly Services:

Mondays	7pm Men's Group @ Blue Bay
Wednesdays	6:30pm LIFE Group- Second Street Sundries
Thursdays	6pm LIFE Group- Emerson's Lake House
	9am FrontLines Prayer
Sundays	10:30am Worship Service
	5:30pm ABLAZE Youth! Grades 6-12

Message Today: #KS18 **Baptism Service!!**

WHY Be Baptized?

Because Christ Commands It: **Mat 28:19-20 NLT** Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. (20) Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

To follow the example of Jesus: **Mar 1:9 NLT** One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized Him in the Jordan River.

It demonstrates that I really am a believer: **Act 8:12 NLT** But now the people believed Philip's message of Good News concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men and women were baptized.

Act 18:8 NLT ...Many others in Corinth also heard Paul, became believers, and were baptized.

Act 10:44-48 NLT (44) Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. (45) The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. (46) For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God. Then Peter asked, (47) "Can anyone object **to their being baptized**, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?" (48) So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ...

It is a symbol that I am putting to death the OLD SINFUL WAY and raising UP a NEW PERSON!

2Co 5:17 NLT This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

It shows a humble, true & right attitude & heart that I NEEDED God:

1Pe 3:18-21 NASB For Christ also died for sins once for all, *the* just for *the* unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; (19) in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits *now* in prison, (20) who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept

waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water. (21) **Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you--not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience--through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,**

By Immersion: Because each baptism, including Christ's, looks to have been that way AND the original word actually means to "overwhelm" with water

To Fulfil Righteousness [Matthew 3:14-15 NASB](#) But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" (15) But Jesus answering said to him, "**Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.**" Then he *permitted Him.

Raised Up Completely Righteous!! [Romans 4:22-25 NLT](#) And because of Abraham's faith, God counted him as righteous. (23) And when God counted him as righteous, it wasn't just for Abraham's benefit. It was recorded (24) for our benefit, too, assuring us that God will also count us as righteous if we believe in Him, the One who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. (25) He was handed over to die because of our sins, and He was raised to life to make us right with God.

[Ephesians 2:4-7 NASB](#) But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, (5) even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), (6) and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, (7) so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Will YOU come back to God now? [2Co 5:17-21 NLT](#) (17) This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (18) And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to Himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him. (19) For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And He gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. (20) So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" (21) For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

LOOK! There's Water!

Act 8:26-40 NLT (26) As for Philip, an angel of the Lord said to him, "Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza."

(27) So he started out, and he met the treasurer of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under the Kandake, the queen of Ethiopia. The eunuch had gone to Jerusalem to worship,

(28) and he was now returning. Seated in his carriage, he was reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

(29) The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and walk along beside the carriage."

(30) Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

(31) The man replied, "How can I, unless someone instructs me?" And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him.

(32) The passage of Scripture he had been reading was this: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter. And as a lamb is silent before the shearers, He did not open His mouth.

(33) He was humiliated and received no justice. Who can speak of His descendants? For His life was taken from the earth."

(34) The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?"

(35) So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus.

(36) As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?"

(37) ["You can," Philip answered, "if you believe with all your heart." And the eunuch replied, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."]

(38) He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

(39) When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing.