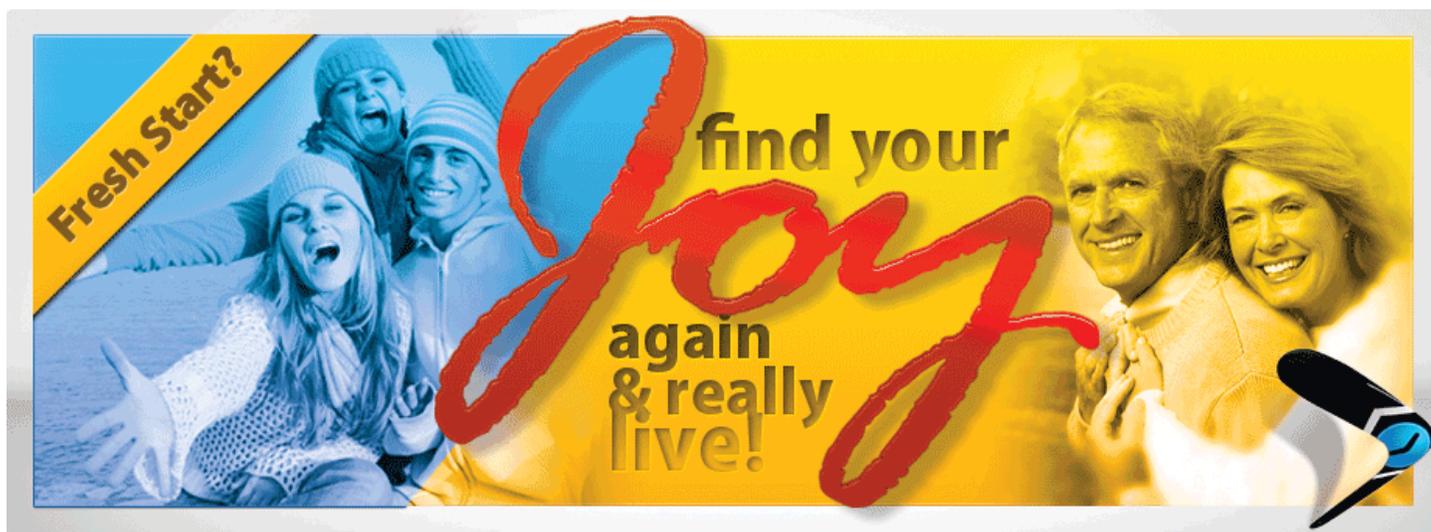


# Welcome To boomerang**church**



## UpComing Events:

<b>Feb 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Lead '19 @ Agape Faith Church</b>
<b>Mon Feb 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7-9pm</b>	<b>Men's Group @ Blue Bay Restaurant!</b>
<b>Sat Feb 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>CONNECTION Recording! Come Help!</b>
<b>Sun Feb 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Child Dedication Service</b>
<b>Sat Mar 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		<b>Finance &amp; Budgeting Class!</b>

## Weekly Services:

<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>LIFE Group- BLUE BAY- Johnny &amp; Holly</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>LIFE Group- WEST STANLY- Paul &amp; Jade</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>LIFE Group- NORWOOD- Kendall &amp; Jessica</b>
	<b>9am</b>	<b>FrontLines Prayer</b>
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>ABLAZE Youth! Grades 6-12</b>

Message Today: **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."

**Acts 2:37-39 (NASB)** Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" **38** Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

**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!**

**Acts 8:26-40 (NLT)** 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?" 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. 40 Meanwhile, Philip found himself farther north at the town of Azotus. He preached the Good News there and in every town along the way until he came to Caesarea.