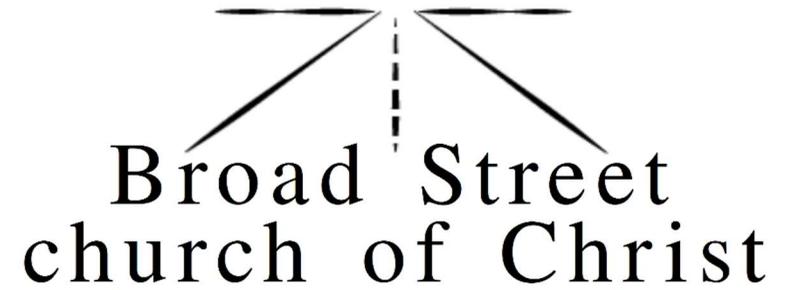


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Circumcision: The sign of the Covenant

**What Must I Do To Be Saved?:**  
 Hear the Gospel (Acts 15:7); Believe the Gospel (Mark 16:15,16); Repent of Sins (Acts 17:30); Confess Christ (Romans 10:9-10); Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)

<p>Worship Times</p> <p>Sunday Bible Study 10:00 A.M.</p> <p>Sunday A.M. Worship 10:55 A.M.</p> <p>Sunday P.M. Worship 6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Wed. Bible Study 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Building Lockup: Billy Ellenburg</p> <p>Announcements: Billy Ellenburg</p> <p>Door Greeters: Billy and Debbie E.</p> <p>Count Contribution: John Anderson and Harry Frye</p> <p>Prepare Lord's Table: Joan Smith</p>
<p>Elders</p> <p>John Anderson 704.592.2266</p> <p>Steve Short 704.872.5440</p> <p>Tommy Smith 704.872.7966</p> <p>Bradley Speer 704.876.6986</p>	<p>Lord's Supper (A.M.): John Anderson, Tommy Smith, Landon Speer, Britt Brookshire</p> <p>Lord's Supper (P.M.): Johnny Smith</p> <p>Scripture Reading: Shawn Sharpe</p> <p>Song Leader: John Anderson</p> <p>Opening Prayer (A.M.): Steve Short</p> <p>Closing Prayer (A.M.): Billy Ellenburg</p> <p>Opening Prayer (P.M.): Bobby Lankford</p> <p>Closing Prayer (P.M.): Bradley Speer</p>
<p>Preacher</p> <p>Dave Wood 704.380.4437</p>	

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Colossians 2:11-12

In order to understand this weekend's passage of scripture, let's back up to the Old Testament and go all the way back to the beginning...Genesis. In Genesis chapter 17, we read of God making a covenant (agreement) with Abraham that the Holy Land, the land of Canaan, would always belong to Abraham's descendants as long as they obeyed him. The "sign of the covenant" would be the circumcision in the flesh of every male at least eight days old (vs. 10-14). Abraham immediately made sure that he and his entire family were circumcised that same day (vs. 22-27). This was the basis for the law in the Torah which required that all Jews be circumcised (Lev. 12:3).

Thousands of years later during the early days of the church, Jewish Christians who had converted out of Judaism were trying to bring tenets of Judaism into Christianity. Circumcision was one of these tenets (Acts 15; Gal. 1-6). Paul made it clear that physical circumcision was not required to be a Christian like it was in order to be a Jew. However, the Holy Spirit inspired him to use the Jews' mindset of circumcision being a sign that they had a covenant with God to teach a very important lesson about baptism in the book of Colossians. This brings us to our Scripture of the Weekend.

Much of Colossians dealt with Paul reassuring Gentile Christians that they did not have to obey all the laws of Judaism in order to be Christians. While doing so, he told them that they, like all Christians, had been filled in Christ, who is the head of all rule and authority (Col. 2:10). Notice what he said next in our Scripture of the Weekend, Colossians 2:11-12: “In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.”

Think about this for a second. We are not under the covenant God made with Israel. That was taken out of the way at the cross (Col. 2:14), and we are under a new covenant (Heb. 8:6-13), Christ’s covenant. But just like physical circumcision was required as a sign of the old covenant, God still requires “circumcision” of a sort as a sign in the new covenant. But this is not a literal, fleshly, physical circumcision. No, Paul says that it is a spiritual circumcision, “made without hands.” He then clarifies it has having occurred when one was baptized – literally “immersed” in the Greek – in water.

From Abraham to the beginning of the church, God and everyone else would know whether or not one was a Jew if they were physically circumcised. Today, does God and everyone else recognize you to be a Christian? Baptism after repentance (Acts 2:38) which was brought on by faith (Mark 16:16) is the key, the key to salvation and forgiveness of sins. It is only through baptism that one is spiritually buried with Christ to rise again to a new life (Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:3-4). It is only through baptism that one puts on Christ and becomes a child of God (Gal. 3:26-27). It is only through baptism that the Holy Spirit adds you to Christ’s body (1 Cor. 12:13), that body being His church (Eph. 1:22-23), of which there is only one in the sight of God (Eph. 4:4-6), not the many found in the numerous sects and denominations of Christendom today.

Have you been spiritually circumcised? Are you truly a Christian in the sight of God? By : Jon Mitchell

### Sermons:

A.M. - Joseph – Acts 7:13, 14

P.M. – Sunday evening singing

## Welcome to Broad Street Church of Christ

A special welcome is extended to all of our guests. Please let us know if we can assist you. Please fill out a visitor's card which is located on the back of the pew in front of you. Deposit the card in the collection plate when it is passed. If you are looking for a place to worship regularly, we would love to have you here at Broad Street. Please come back and visit with us again.

### Shut-Ins:

Bill Proctor and Frances Elam.

### Prayers:

Johnny Smith Jr., Phyllis Rumble, Stanley Sharpe, Helen Lyerly, Doris Ellenburg, Will Winchester, Betty Smith, Jane Shepherd and Frank Shepherd.

- Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family of Ruby Gibson at her passing
- Billy and Debbie Ellenburg have made it home, safe and sound.

### Upcoming Events:

Apr. 23: Fourth Sunday evening singing. There will be a fellowship meal following services.

Apr. 27: Book of the month fellowship will meet at 6:30 P.M. We will cover chapter 5.

Apr. 23-26: Lexington church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders. Meeting times Monday through Wednesday will be at 7 P.M.

Apr. 23-27: Rockhill church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting. Meeting times Monday through Wednesday will be at 7:30 P.M. For more information please see the flyer.

Apr. 23-26: Liledoun church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting with Jeff Cannon. Meeting times Mon - Wed. at 7 P.M.

May 7-10: Mark you calendar for our Gospel Meeting with Rod Rutherford.

June 12-16: Plan on attending VBS! Remember, there will be classes for all ages.