

BAPTISM

We are excited about this opportunity with you to celebrate publicly your faith in Christ, follow Christ's example, and obey the teaching of Christ by being baptized. Please read the information below about your upcoming baptism, and make sure you understand the purpose and meaning of this act. Parents, please go over each of these questions with your child. If you have questions or concerns about your baptism or the information below, please contact us at info@churchproject.org.

Baptism is a **PICTURE** of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, it is a **PUBLIC** display of our faith in Christ, it is following the **EXAMPLE** of Christ Himself as He was baptized, and it is **OBEYING** Christ in His command for us to be baptized.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BAPTISM?

1. It illustrates Christ's burial and resurrection.

1 Cor. 15:3-4- "Christ died for our sins... He was buried... and He rose again."

Col. 2:12- "For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ."

2. It illustrates my new life as a Christian.

2 Cor. 5:17- "When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!"

Rom. 6:4- "By our baptism then, we were buried with Him and shared His death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead... so also we may live a new life!"

Ephesians 2:8,9- "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith... it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast."

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

1. Every person who has believed in Christ.

Acts 2:41- "Those who believe and accepted His message were baptized..."

Acts 8:13- "Simon himself believed and was baptized..."

Acts 8:12- "But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News... and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women."

2. As baptism is a confession of our personal relationship with Christ, we wait until our children are old enough to believe and understand the true meaning of baptism before we baptize them.

WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

Acts 2:41- "Those who believe...were baptized...that day!"

Acts 8:35-38- "Then Philip began with the scripture and told him the Good News about Jesus.

As they traveled along the road, they came to some water, and the man said, 'Look, here is water! Why shouldn't I be baptized right now?' Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart, you may.' The man answered, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' So they went down into the water and Philip baptized him."

There is no reason to delay. As soon as you have trusted in Christ, you can & should be baptized.

WHY BE BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION?

1. Because Jesus was baptized that way.

Matt. 3:16- "As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water."

2. Because other baptisms in the Bible were by immersion.

Acts 8:38-39- "...then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water..."

The Greek work Baptizo means "**To immerse or dip under water**".
It best symbolized a burial and resurrection!

WILL I HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY?

Your faith story that you write when you register for baptism will be speak for you. At the beginning of the service, a pastor will briefly explain the meaning of baptism. You will wait at the edge of the pool for your turn to be baptized. The pastor will introduce you, read your faith story, briefly lower you just under the water, and then you can leave the pool, dry off, and watch the others. We encourage you to invite all your relatives and friends to attend your baptism.

CAN MY FAMILY BE BAPTIZED TOGETHER?

Yes! If each family member understands fully the meaning of baptism, and each one has personally placed his/her trust in Christ for salvation, we encourage families to be baptized at the same time. It is a wonderful expression of commitment. Young children who wish to be baptized are asked to meet with a Children's Pastor for a pre-baptism conversation.

However, it is important to remember that baptism is a personal statement of faith, not a family tradition. It is usually not wise to delay your baptism while waiting on other family members to accept Christ, particularly children. This puts an undue pressure on them, and delays your obedience.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR WHEN I AM BAPTIZED?

Women should wear shorts and a top which will preserve modesty- i.e. dark colored t-shirt. Men may wear a swimsuit and t-shirt. Bring a change of clothes, a towel, and a plastic bag for your wet articles of clothing.

SCHEDULE

Please be prepared for your baptism and arrive 30 minutes prior to the service, and meet at baptismal pool.

REGISTRATION

You can register for baptism by emailing info@churchproject.org or by filling out information at our Information Table in our foyer.

FAITH STORY

As you register, you will be asked to answer the following questions. Please write a few statements to describe to those celebrating your baptism:

1) How I came to faith in Christ, and 2) Why I want to be baptized today.

Thanks for sharing this moment with your church! We look forward to seeing you Sunday.



BAPTISM REGISTRATION

We're excited to celebrate with you your faith in Christ by being baptized. To register for baptism, please fill out the card, or email to info@churchproject.org, the following information.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone # _____ Age _____
Email _____

FAITH STORY

Please write a few statements to be read aloud to those celebrating your baptism:

How I came to faith in Christ:

Why I want to be baptized:

Thanks for taking the time to fill out this information. You will be contacted with details about the next upcoming baptism.