

Some commons questions about baptism:

Q: What is the difference between child dedication and baptism?

A: In the dedication of a child to God, parents as well as those in our church family make specific commitments to God to encourage and model godliness to guide the future growth of the child being dedicated to God's care. Baptism is a specific command of Christ to mark the life of a Christian.

Q: What does the word "baptism" actually mean?

A: It comes from the Greek word, baptizo, which means "to dip," "to put or go under water," to dunk, as we would say.

Q: If I was baptized as an infant then sometime after became a believer, is it necessary for me to be baptized again?

A: The New Testament pattern indicates baptism follows personal faith. Another marker of New Testament baptism is immersion. So, it is worth asking if it is possible for infants to be baptized as described in the New Testament. It is important to understand there is no power in baptism. A person is not "more saved" by being baptized. However, baptism is an important step of obedience. Romans 6 indicates the outward expression of baptism in water is an illustration of what has already happened in the soul and life of the new Christian. Baptism is then a public declaration that I have died to my old way of life and now live to honor Christ.

If a person is hung up on whether they should be baptized, here are two good questions:

1. What does the Bible teach about the timing and method of baptism?
2. What would most honor Christ?

For more information about baptism:
Bible Doctrine by Wayne Grudem p. 376-385

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Faith Community Church Application for Baptism

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How would you describe your Christian Life?

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

At what point in your life did you become a Christian?

Why are you responding to the teaching of the Bible to be baptized at this time?

What would you like the church family to know about you as you are being baptized?

Have you attended our pre-baptism class? If yes, date _____

If not, we expect that you prepare for and attend our pre-baptism class. (We will provide study material for you prior to this class.)

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

In Matthew 28, the followers of Christ are instructed to make disciples, baptize and teach others to follow the instruction of Christ. We believe any believer is qualified to baptize. As you prepare for this important step of obedience, if there is a Christian who has been instrumental in your spiritual life you may invite them to baptize you. You may also check 'no preference' and a representative of Faith Community will do the baptism.

Who would you want to baptize you?

No preference

Or

Name: _____