Baptisms At Living Faith

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What Baptism Is

Baptism is a public declaration of faith in Jesus Christ for those who have personally trusted in him. It is a visible expression of an inward transformation and a way of identifying with Jesus in his death and resurrection (Romans 6:3–4).

Throughout Scripture, baptism marks the beginning of a new life in Christ. It is a way for believers to declare their trust in Jesus, celebrate the forgiveness of sins, and step forward in faith as part of his Church. While it is faith in the work of Christ that saves us (Ephesians 2:8–9), baptism is a meaningful step we encourage all who follow Jesus to take (Matthew 28:19–20).

Baptism is the primary way Jesus has given us to publicly declare our faith in him and our commitment to follow him. In baptism, we are also identifying ourselves with Jesus, declaring that we belong to him and desire to live as his followers.

Baptism is also an appeal to God for a clean conscience (1 Peter 3:21), expressing repentance and faith. It is not simply a symbolic or optional step, but a meaningful response of faith and obedience to Jesus. It is also not the end of the journey or a one-time act that stands alone, but the beginning of a life of following him.

Because of this, we practice what is known as “believer’s baptism.” This means that baptism is reserved for those who are able to personally and consciously place their faith in Christ and understand the significance of this step and the call to follow Jesus as his disciple. For families with children, we encourage parents to nurture a growing faith in Jesus over time. When a child expresses a desire to follow Christ, we often suggest beginning with participation in communion, with the understanding that baptism can come at a later time when they are ready to make a clear and personal profession of faith.

Baptism is not simply a moment, but part of a larger journey of following Jesus. For those considering baptism, we encourage you to begin a conversation with one of our pastors, elders, or ministry leaders so that we can walk with you, hear your story, talk through your understanding of the gospel, and help you take this step with clarity and confidence.

The Baptism Process

Step 1: Express Interest

If you are interested in being baptized, we invite you to reach out to one of our pastors, elders, or ministry leaders, speak with someone after a Sunday service, or contact the church by email. This initial step simply begins the conversation and helps us walk with you as you consider baptism.

Step 2: Conversation And Preparation

After expressing interest, you will meet with one or more pastors, elders, or ministry leaders. This is not meant to be a test or an intense interview, but a conversation. During this time, we will ask you to share your story, talk about your understanding of the gospel, and discuss your desire to be baptized.

This conversation helps ensure that you are taking this step with clarity, understanding, and a personal faith in Jesus. We may also take time to walk through the biblical teaching on baptism or provide a resource to help you be well informed as you make this decision.

As part of this process, we also encourage you to prayerfully consider a specific person/people who will be part of your ongoing discipleship, those who can walk with you, encourage you, and help you continue to follow Jesus faithfully. After identifying these people, we encourage you to reach out to them, let them know you are planning to be baptized, and invite them to be involved in your continued growth and discipleship.

Having the desire to be baptized is a good and meaningful desire. We want to help ensure this step is taken with a clear understanding of faith in Jesus and the call to follow him.

Our desire is to walk with each person in a way that is thoughtful and faithful to Scripture. In some cases, this may mean taking additional time before moving forward with baptism, so that this step can be taken with clarity, understanding, and genuine faith.

We recognize that baptism is sometimes viewed as a “quick fix” or a step that can be taken without a clear understanding of faith in Jesus and the call to follow him. We want to approach this moment with clarity. Baptism is not a stand-alone act, but a response of faith and a commitment to follow Jesus as Lord.

Step 3: Baptism and Confession of Faith

Baptisms typically take place in the context of a gathered group from our church community. While we do not require a formal public testimony beforehand, this is still a meaningful and personal moment of confession and faith.

During the baptism, you will have the opportunity to pray to God as an expression of your own confession. You will also be asked a few simple questions that affirm your trust in Jesus and your desire to follow him. These moments are not meant to create pressure, but to help you clearly and personally declare your faith.

Baptism is both a reflection of what God has done in your life and a step into a new life of following him. We encourage you to come prepared prayerfully, with a heart ready to trust, repent, and follow Jesus. With this in mind, in the days leading up to baptism, we encourage you to spend time in prayer, reflection, repentance, and gratitude.

Step 4: Scheduling and Gathering

Baptisms are most often scheduled to take place after a Sunday service, particularly during warmer months. However, we are flexible and will make accommodations based on weather, scheduling, and individual circumstances.

We aim to be intentional in making baptism happen in a timely way, while also allowing space for you to invite family and friends to be present. In some cases, baptisms may be scheduled at another time that better serves this purpose.

Step 5: Continuing the Journey

Baptism is not the end of your journey, but the beginning of a life of following Jesus. After being baptized, we encourage you to continue growing in your faith through regular participation in the life of the church, learning to follow Jesus in everyday life, and surrounding yourself with others who will help you grow.

We are committed to walking with you as you continue this journey.