

BAPTISM

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Frequently Asked Questions with Baptism:

1. What is Baptism?

- Baptism is a way of publicly announcing your decision to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ and live by the instruction of His Word. Baptism does not ensure your acceptance by God and entrance into His kingdom. However, it shows the physical evidence of Christ's spiritual work deep within your heart.

2. What should I do before Baptism?

- The first step before baptism is to be sure that you have been born again (saved). Have you experienced a specific moment when you "repented of sin" (were sorry enough for your sin to quit sinning?) and personally asked the Lord Jesus Christ into your heart and life? If not, it is essential that you do so as an initial step in your life of faith.

3. How is this a testimony to my new faith?

- Your baptism is a public declaration of independence from your past life and dependence upon Christ for your present and future life. You are signifying that Christ has made you brand-new. Take bold steps of declaration based upon the divine work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

4. How do I prepare for Baptism?

- Prior to your baptism, your church staff will provide instructions. Be sure to ask any questions you may have. Use the moments prior to your baptism to reflect on what the Lord has done for you and in you. Make it a very special time of preparation. When it is your turn, the minister will lead you into position (specific instructions are usually given both before and during the ceremony.) You may be asked for a verbal response, such as confession of Christ as Savior. Remember to bring a change of clothing, a towel, and a plastic bag for your wet clothes.

When is Baptism Properly Administered?

1. The proper candidate

This would be someone who has already experienced the grace of God unto salvation and now desires to make that a matter of open confession (Acts 8:36-38; 10:47-48)

2. The proper mode

This is clearly immersion. The word itself is a transliteration of the Greek word baptize, which means to immerse or plunge into. This is the manner in which Christ was baptized (Matthew 3:16). It was the manner of the disciples' baptism (John 3:22-23). In fact, the picture of death, burial, and resurrection demands immersion (Romans 6:4).

3. The proper understanding

Baptism is a picture of our total identification with Christ in His atoning work and glorious resurrection. It is an expression of our belief that salvation is His work and, like his resurrected life, complete and eternal in nature.

Baptism does not secure our salvation.

4. The proper authority

The ordinance of baptism is a public expression; It gives a message to all who see your baptism take place.

The message is one consistent with the beliefs of the church authorizing the baptism and it is a picture to others of your own decision to follow Jesus.

5. The proper life

Baptism is to be observed by individuals who portray an appreciation of grace and a willingness to adhere to the Scriptures. When the eunuch asked Philip if he could be baptized, Philip responded by clarifying the eunuch's confession of faith (Acts 8:36-37).

What do I do now?

Time and time again in the Bible when people professed their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, immediately they were baptized. (See Acts 2:41; 8:35-38; 16:29-33.)

We want to encourage you to do the same.

To follow Christ in believer's baptism:

- Talk to a minister at the end or following the worship service you attend.
- Most baptisms happen during the Sunday morning services of the church, but occasionally at other established times.

If you have more questions or would like to schedule your baptism, please contact our church office.:

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FBC Baptism Preparation

As you prepare for your upcoming baptism @ FBC Blanchard, we're excited to walk with you on this meaningful step in your faith journey! To help things go smoothly on the day of your baptism, please take note of the following:

1. Access to the Baptistry @ FBC Blanchard: There are approximately 16 steps leading up to the baptistry. Please keep this in mind as you prepare.
2. Appropriate Attire: Be sure to wear dark shorts or capris, along with suitable undergarments. Light-colored clothing can become see-through when wet.
3. T-Shirts Provided: The church will provide dark T-shirts for everyone being baptized, so you won't need to bring your own. Towels are also provided.
4. Invite Others: We would like to encourage you to invite your family and friends to witness this beautiful moment in your life. We'd love to have them celebrate with you! If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to support you every step of the way!
5. Typically, Baptism will happen at the beginning of the worship service and right after the first worship song.