

BAPTISM

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

-Matthew 28:19

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized in to Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. -Romans 6:3-4

- **Baptism is an outward expression of our inner faith.**
Baptism is not to be equated with salvation or required for salvation, but is to be encouraged along with salvation as a way to publicly identify with Christ and to proclaim the gospel to others! *Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5-6, Acts 2:41*
- **Baptism is for all who have trusted in Jesus Christ for salvation.** The early church baptized people immediately after they believed in Christ. People did not have to "feel more spiritual" or achieve certain "spiritual standards" in order to be baptized. Baptism was an immediate expression, celebration, and proclamation of faith! *Acts 2:41, 8:12-13, 8:36-38, 9:18, 10:44-48, 16:14-15, 16:31-33, 18:8*
- **Baptism is through immersion for those who have made a personal decision to trust in Christ.**
We seek to follow the practice of the early church in baptizing people through full immersion after they have personally called on Jesus for salvation. Baptism through immersion provides a powerful picture of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, and proclaims our own raising with Christ! *Matthew 3:16, Acts 8:38-39, Romans 6:3-4*

Our next two Baptism services will be April 12th and May 31st. Classes will be offered at 12:30 on 3/29 & 5/17. Please contact the office or a pastor if you are interested!

How serious are you about SEEING JESUS in 2020?

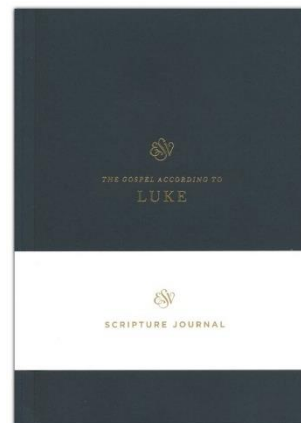
What if, more than meditating on the daily news or whatever else might be competing for your attention, you focused your mind every day on Scripture from Luke? What difference might that make in your life? How different might your heart be in 6 months? Would you consider being part of our effort to "See Jesus" by aiming for the following goals:

Memorizing Luke:



Participate in our memory verse challenge through VerseLocker (from Scripture Memory Fellowship):
Go to fbc.verselocker.com. In the "Seeing Jesus" box, click "Add to my Account." Once you create a new account, click on "App" in the menu bar and follow the instructions to download the app on your phone!

Reading and responding:



Pick up a copy of "The Gospel of Luke" Scripture Journal (*in our foyer – suggested donation of \$5*).
Read 3 chapters of Luke for 8 weeks (or 2 for 12 weeks, or 1 for 24 weeks!).
Every time you read, write down answers to these questions: What do you see about Jesus? What difference should that make for you today?