



## **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*

We have baptisms regularly.

Classes will be offered in advance.

Please contact the office or a pastor if you are interested!