

Info Sheet

Let us know how we can help you:

- I'd like more information about becoming a baptized Christian.
- I wish to be baptized at the next service of baptism here at Church of the Spirit.

Please provide your contact information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

- I have a child to be baptized.

(Please fill in the information above, and then tell us about your child or children.)

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Sponsors: _____

Being Baptized

What?

Jesus asked all the people to be baptized and join in God's family. Being baptized is how the Bible says we receive God's salvation.

◆ Baptism is a "once-in-a-lifetime" event which takes the rest of your life to fulfill. If you have already been baptized, you never need to be baptized again.

◆ When you're baptized, you become a Christian, not a member of any one denomination. Being baptized is good for life – and good at any Christian church you go to in the future.

◆ Baptism is the first step you take closer to God. It also allows you to come forward to receive the bread and wine of communion.

Why?

Why is probably the wrong question to ask...

For anyone who has been touched by God's Spirit, the question is not why be baptized, but what would ever stop you?

If you'd like to talk through any questions you have about being baptized, please talk to Pastor Roger or an usher at one of our services.



**Building community with one another
Finding communion with God**

How?

Our baptisms take place on special Sundays each year. Ask when the next one will be.

◆ You can choose the time of the service at which you would prefer to have the baptism.

◆ We pour a small amount of water over the heads of those being baptized during the service.



When? As Adults, Babies or Kids?

Some churches will only baptize adults, and others will only baptize babies. We do both.

Baptizing babies shows our basic belief that God loves us before we could earn his love. In baptism, God chooses us. He adopts us. We celebrate how God chooses us, more than any decision we make to become baptized.

Baptizing babies helps us see this so clearly, since God chooses them before they could deserve it on their own. And how would God turn away a baby and say, "No, don't want you until you're older"?

We believe that in baptism, God gives us the gifts of his Holy Spirit. We baptize children so they can have full access to God's Spirit and his gifts.

Baptism in the Early Days of the Church

From the Book of Acts in the Bible



Now when the crowds heard about Jesus, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers.

— Acts 2:37-42

*We invite you to join us
for the journey of a lifetime.*



**Experience the difference that knowing
God's promises can make in your life.**

FAQ's

Frequently Asked Questions

■ **Do I really need to be baptized to be a Christian?**

Yes. Baptism is how God adopts you into his family. Years ago, those who were not baptized were not even taught the Lord's Prayer because it's so hard to call God "Our Father" until you're part of the family.

■ **Do I (or does my child) need to wear anything special for the baptism service?**

Please wear whatever is comfortable for you. White has been traditional, but it is not necessary. Be prepared to kneel. Be prepared to get wet.

■ **Does it cost anything?**

All of God's gifts are free. So are all of the services of this church. You may wish to make a gift to the church in thanksgiving for being baptized and for God's love. We do that each week as we pass the baskets in the middle of the service.

Becoming a Baptized Christian

...learn how being baptized is how the Bible says we receive God's salvation

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teach them to obey
everything that I have
commanded you."**



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