



At Bethel, we take Baptisms very seriously. Many have questions about why and how we

baptize; this brochure will give you information answering those questions. In this brochure, please find a Bible Study on Believer's Baptism. Please complete this study and return it to the church office. A pastor will meet with you personally to discuss the lesson and answer any remaining questions that you might have. We perform baptisms at Bethel on a regular basis. If someone feels that they are not quite ready, we can always reschedule for a later time.

What is Baptism?

Baptism is the outward profession of inward possession, meaning that you are making a statement that you have trusted Jesus as your personal Savior and that you want to show your obedience publicly by getting baptized.

Why Should I Get Baptized?

Baptism is a form of obedience. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus commands us to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the

Holy Spirit..." (Matt 28:19-20). Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (Mark 1:9). He gives us an example of how we are to follow Him in Baptism.

The act of Baptism gives us a picture of the death and resurrection of Christ. When we are immersed, it symbolizes the death of Christ for our sins. When we rise, it symbolizes the new life that Jesus gives us through Salvation.

The Bible clearly teaches that Baptism does not save us. Only a personal confession of our sins and the acceptance of what Jesus did on the cross can save us. Romans 10:9 says, "...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us for all unrighteousness." It is only through Christ that we are saved, not through Baptism.

Who should get Baptized?

Only those who have trusted Christ as their Savior. Acts 2:41 says, "Then those whose gladly received his word were baptized..."

It is not for those who are not living out their faith experience in the world. Baptism does not make a person saved, but the action does say that you are saved. This step of obedience is only for believers in Christ.

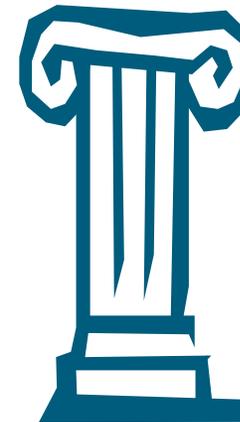
When should a person get Baptized?

After they have believed.

How should a person get Baptized?

The Bible gives examples of baptizing in water and the one getting baptized goes under water, which we call immersion.

There are several modes of baptism in several denominations like pouring, dipping and sprinkling. However none of these demonstrate burial and resurrection like immersion. Baptism should symbolize the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. When one goes under the water and then surfaces this mode models burial and resurrection best. Therefore, we choose to immerse believers in the historical tradition of Biblical history.



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Baptism Checklist

Items to bring with you:

- Shorts & a t-shirt to wear under your baptismal gown.
- Complete change of socks and underwear.
- Comb or brush.
- Extra change of clothes for the remaining part of the service.
- Completed Baptismal Lesson (and parent's consent if under 18) to be turned in to the church office.

**Towels are provided.

** Meet in the room behind the piano before the church service.

Our Mission

Through the power of God and committed prayer,
Bethel Baptist Church
exists for the purpose of:

Worshipping the Father;
Reaching the world through the salvation message of Jesus Christ;

Building nurturing relationships with people; and
Equipping of believers with Biblical Truth for a life of service.

**Come and make our church,
your home.**

Sunday School	9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship	10:45 am
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm*
Youth Programs, Adult Bible Studies, Prayer Meeting
*Our Summer programs (June - Aug.) runs at 7:00 pm



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