

Tips For Your Baptism:

We are so thrilled that you desire to follow the Lord's example in baptism.

- ✓ Bring a towel and hair dryer (if desired). We encourage women to wear a swimsuit with shorts and a dark colored top over the suit. Men should wear shorts and a dark colored t-shirt. We will also provide a baptism t-shirt if you would like to wear that and we will have some towels available.
- ✓ The pastor(s) will baptize one person at a time, but families may enter the water together if desired – except when space does not permit it.
- ✓ On a 3x5 notecard, write a sentence or two about why you chose to be baptized today. You may also share a Bible verse that has special meaning for you.
- ✓ Please register on the events page of gracelifefellowship.org.

View the baptism video on our website

gracelifefellowship.org/baptism

Grace Life celebrates baptisms twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. If you would like to be baptized, please register on the events page. If you do not see a baptism time listed, please email Community Pastor Tim Boswell at boswell@gracelifefellowship.org for more information.



Understanding Water Baptism

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Why Do We Baptize?

Because it shows you are a believer.

...many of the Corinthians who heard Him believed and were baptized. (Acts 18:8)

Because you want to follow Jesus' example.

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river. (Mark 1:9)

Because Christ commanded it.

Jesus said... 'baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit...'
(Matthew 28:19-20)

What Does it Mean?

Baptism is a simple and helpful way to communicate what happened to you when you put your faith in Jesus. It is an outward expression of what happened to you on the inside. You are united to Jesus; dead to sin and alive in Christ.

It is a symbol of Christ's burial and resurrection.

Christ died for our sins...was buried... and He rose again. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

It is a symbol of your new life in Christ.

When someone becomes a Christian, they become a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

We were buried with Him and shared His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead also we might live a new life! (Romans 6:4)

How Do We Baptize?

We choose to baptize by immersion in water based on the following:

Jesus seems to have been immersed in water at His baptism.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. (Matthew 3:16)

Other Biblical examples of baptism seem to have been by immersion under water.

...Then both Phillip and the eunuch went down into the water and Phillip baptized him. When they came up out of the water...(Acts 8:38-39)

The word baptize comes from the Greek "baptizo" which literally means "to immerse or place under water."

It is the best way to symbolize a burial and resurrection.

Who Do We Baptize?

Any person who has made the decision to believe in Christ.

Those who believed and accepted His message were baptized. (Acts 2:41)

But when they believed Phillip as he preached the Good News...and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. (Acts 8:12)

Simon himself believed and was baptized. (Acts 8:13)

The one requirement for baptism is belief in Christ. We do not baptize children until they are old enough to understand and believe.

What Baptism Is Not...

Baptism does not save anyone, nor does it wash away sin. Baptism is something done by someone who has already placed their personal faith in Jesus.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast."
(Ephesians 2:8-9)

Can I Be Baptized Twice?

We recommend that you be baptized only once after fully understanding the significance of its meaning. However, if you have been baptized in a non-Christian faith or in a way that you feel was unbiblical - or you simply realize that you did not understand baptism properly in your previous experience, please speak to a pastor about the possibility of being baptized again.

Can My Family Be Baptized Together?

Yes! If each family member understands fully the meaning of baptism, and each one has placed personal faith in Christ as their Savior, we encourage families to be baptized at the same time. It is a beautiful expression of unified commitment to Jesus.