



BAPTISM

We are so excited that your child is considering baptism. At SCC we believe that baptism is an important milestone in the life of a believer. It is our belief that baptism occurs as an outward representation of an inward decision to surrender their life to Jesus Christ. Take time to discuss the information with your child and answer the questions. Pray about whether your child is ready for baptism.

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Water baptism is intended for the individual who has received the saving grace freely offered through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In obedience to Christ's command and as a testimony to God, the church, oneself and the world, a believer should be immersed in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

BAPTISM IS A SYMBOL THAT REPRESENTS:

Washing away of sin "And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name." Acts 22:16

Being buried with Jesus and raised "Having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead." Colossians 2:12

New life in Christ "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Romans 6:3-4

Family Discussion Question: What does baptism represent?

IS YOUR CHILD READY TO BE BAPTIZED?

Sanctification is an ongoing process, you are not looking for perfection in these areas, rather you are looking for growth in the life of your child in the following areas since making a decision to follow Jesus. Each child has a different level of understanding and we lean heavily on parents who know their children.

- Genuine gratitude for salvation
- An eagerness to learn more about God and worship Him
- Conviction and confession of sin
- A growing love for others
- A desire to share the gospel
- Engaging in prayer
- Growth in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control, humility and service

Your Child Is Ready: If you feel your child understands what it means to be water baptized, then go through this devotional explaining more about water baptism.

Your Child Is Not Ready: If you don't feel your child understands what it means to be water baptized, it's totally appropriate to wait. Remember, water baptism does not save— that is done by your child trusting Jesus. During this time, let your child observe water baptism and talk to them about what it means.

If you feel your child is ready for baptism then please reach out to Kids Ministry Director Jessie Nesheim jessie.nesheim@switzerlandcc.org If you feel your child is not yet ready, it is absolutely okay to wait. Take this time to continue to read The Gospel, and discuss any questions your child may have.

Family Discussion Questions: Who does the Bible say should be baptized? What is a reason someone should be baptized?

