

Can my family be baptized together?

Yes! If each family member fully understands the meaning of baptism, and each one has personally placed his/her trust in Christ for salvation, we encourage families to be baptized at the same time. It is a wonderful expression of commitment. Young children who wish to be baptized are asked to meet with a pastor for a pre-baptism conversation.

It is important to remember that baptism is a personal statement of faith, not a family tradition. It is usually not wise to delay your baptism while waiting on other family members to accept Christ, particularly children. This puts an undue pressure on them and delays your obedience.

At NLC, we wait until our children are old enough to believe and understand the true meaning of baptism before we baptize them. New Life Church *dedicates* infants to the Lord. In presenting the child for dedication, parents signify their faith in Christ and the Christian way of life, as well as their desire for their child to grow to know the Lord and live a Christian life. Parents pledge to raise the child in a Godly manner so that, at some point in their life, they will personally receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

If you have additional questions or need more information, call the church office 763-631-4858.

By choosing to be water baptized you are being obedient to the Lord's commands. You are embarking on a very important step in your spiritual walk with the Lord.

Please call the church office or watch the weekly bulletins for upcoming Water Baptism services.

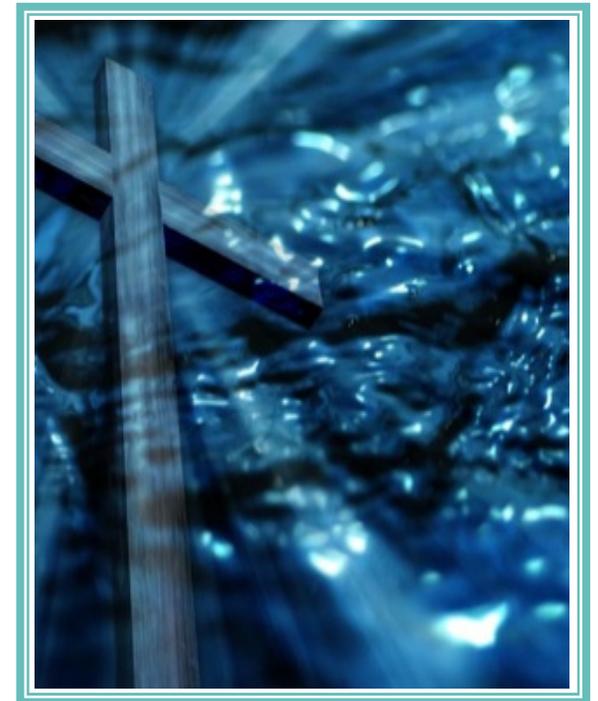
You Should Also Know:

A brief instructional class will be scheduled the week prior to the water baptism service to answer any questions you may have and give instruction for your water baptism. Be prepared to give a 30-45 second testimony of when you met the Lord and what He means to you.

Come prepared with a change of clothes, a towel, hair dryer, comb, etc. and a plastic bag for wet clothes. Use the restrooms in the activity Center for changing. Return to the service after you have changed into dry clothes.

Be sure to wear clothes that are dark in color and are not transparent. Some people wear a swimming suit with a t-shirt and shorts over that or a dark shirt with dark pants.

Water Baptism



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Water Baptism at New Life Church

Why should I be baptized?

1. To follow the example set by Jesus

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

2. Because God commands it

Jesus said, "Go then, to all people everywhere and make them My disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and then teach them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20

3. To demonstrate that I am a believer

...Many of the people who heard Him believed and were baptized. Acts 18:8

What is the meaning of baptism?

1. It illustrates Christ's burial and resurrection

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

For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ. Colossians 2:12

2. It illustrates my new life as a Christian

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

By our Baptism then, we were buried with Him and shared His death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead...so we may also live a new life. Romans 6:4

Baptism doesn't make you a believer - it shows that you already believe. Baptism does not "save" you, only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring- it's the outward symbol of the commitment you made in your heart.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through Faith...it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2: 8-9

Why be baptized by immersion?

1. This is how Jesus was baptized

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

2. Baptisms in the Bible were by immersion

Then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water... Acts 8:38-39

The word "baptizo" means to "dip under water." The Greek word "baptize" means "to immerse or dip under water."

3. It best symbolizes a burial and resurrection

The founders of several denominations agree:

Martin Luther... "I would have those who are to be baptized to be entirely immersed, as the Word imports and the mystery signifies."

John Calvin... "the word "baptize" signifies to immerse. It is certain that immersion was the practice of the ancient church."

John Wesley.... "buried with him alludes to baptizing by immersion according to the custom of the first church."

Who should be baptized?

Every person who has believed in and received Christ

Simon, himself, believed and was baptized... Acts 8:13

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

When should I be baptized?

As soon as you have believed

Then Philip began with the scripture and told him the Good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water, and the man said, "Look here is water! Why shouldn't I be baptized right now?" Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." The man answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." So they went down into the water and Philip baptized him. Acts 8:35-38

There is no reason to delay. As soon as you have decided to receive Christ into your life, you can and should be baptized. If you wait until you are "perfect," you'll never feel "good enough."

What actually happens when I am water baptized?

At the beginning of the service the pastor will explain the meaning of baptism. You will wait until the pastor introduces you and then give a brief testimony of what God has done in your life. You will briefly be lowered under the water and then leave the tank, dry off, and watch the others. You will be given a Baptism Certificate. You are encouraged to invite your relatives & friends to attend the service.