

# About Baptism

Baptism is an important step of obedience that shows others we have personally trusted Jesus for our salvation. Jesus was baptized when He was on the earth, and we do this to follow His example. When Christians are baptized, they are submerged under water to identify with the death and burial of Jesus and raised out of the water to identify with His resurrection. We believe that water baptism is a public declaration of three important things: you are a follower of Jesus Christ, you are beginning a changed life in Christ, and you are part of a new family.

## Register to be Water Baptized

We believe that taking this next step in your relationship with Jesus is a very important step in your faith. During this time of physical distancing, your safety is our number one priority. Our team has created a safe environment for you to be water baptized. Please click the register button, and we will contact you with more information on your baptism experience.

## Baptism Facts

### 1. WHY BE BAPTIZED?

Those who are baptized are following Jesus' example and obeying His command.

“As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.’” —[Matthew 3:16–17](#)

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.’” —[Matthew 28:18–20](#)

## 2. WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BAPTISM?

Water baptism is a public declaration of three very important things:

**You are a follower of Jesus Christ.**

“Those who accepted his message were baptized.” —[Acts 2:41](#)

**You are beginning a changed life in Christ.**

“We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” —[Romans 6:4](#)

**You are part of a new family.**

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” —[Galatians 3:26–27](#)

## 3. I HAVE ALREADY BEEN BAPTIZED. SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED AGAIN?

Your baptism should have signified you becoming a follower of Jesus, beginning a changed life, and uniting with a new family. If you feel baptism did not reflect this change of life, then you may desire to be baptized again. However, if you have a repented resolve to move forward as God is directing you need not be baptized again.

## 4. CAN MY CHILD BE BAPTIZED?

We will baptize anyone who understands what baptism symbolizes and wants to make that personal public declaration. We will have a consult with the parents in relations to the significance of their child’s baptism and the ongoing training in regards to the child’s spiritual growth.

## 5. CAN MY INFANT BE BAPTIZED?

Throughout the New Testament, the Bible teaches that baptism is a public expression of worship symbolizing the new life we have when we follow Jesus. In the Bible we see that Jesus’ parents dedicated him to the Lord ([Luke 2:22–40](#)), and he was later baptized as an adult ([Matthew 3:16–17](#)).

We understand that some churches practice “baptism of confirmation” for children. This ceremony is intended to be a commitment between the parents and God on the behalf of the child. The parents promise to raise their child in the faith until the child is old enough to make his or her own personal confession of Christ. This custom began about 300 years after the Bible was completed and is different from the biblical examples of new believers being baptized to publicly profess their faith in Jesus.

At The Historical Truevine MB Church we provide opportunities for child dedication and believer’s baptism. To schedule a baby dedication, please text the word dedication to 708-578-7161 and a staff member will contact you.