



Water Baptism Information & Under 18 Registration

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We encourage kids to be 10 - 12 years old to participate in water baptism. If children younger than 10 are interested in being baptized, we would encourage them to be able to answer the questions below, on their own, to make sure they understand the decision they are making. We also encourage parents to participate in the baptism by being present in the service to celebrate their child's decision. This reinforces that they are the spiritual leader in the kid's life and helps us to partner with them. As they are underage, we do require a parent or guardian to complete a short registration form before their water baptism will occur and those will be available online and at the baptism service for your convenience.

Why should I be baptized in water?

Water baptism symbolizes the personal commitment we have made to Christ while showing others we have asked Jesus into our life and we want to live for Him.

When we are baptized, we are completely immersed in water to show that our selfishness is dying and we are rising from the water to begin a new life in Christ. Matthew 28:19 tells us to be baptized "in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Jesus said we are to follow his example and be baptized in water (See Mark 1:1-11).

Types of questions my Pastor may ask me before I am baptized and possible answers:

1. **Why do you want to be baptized?** I want to show everyone that I committed my life to serve God. I want to show everyone that I have asked Jesus into my heart. I want to follow Jesus and please God.
2. **How do you know that you are going to heaven?** I know that I already have everlasting life because Jesus said that if I believe Him and obey Him I will be with Him forever. Jesus is in heaven and I will be there, too, when I die.
3. **When did Jesus come into your life and save you?** I asked Jesus to come into my life when I was Jesus saved me from my sins when I asked Him to forgive me.
4. **What does baptism mean or show?** My baptism will show that I have been washed on the inside. My baptism will show that I have made a personal commitment to live for Jesus. My baptism will symbolize Jesus' death and resurrection. My baptism will show that I am part of God's family, the church.
5. **What will happen at your baptism?** I will come to church with my family. I will wear shorts and a t-shirt that I can get wet. I will step into the baptismal with the Pastor who is baptizing people. The Pastor will lower me down into the water and help me come back up. The whole church will sing and pray. Everyone will praise God.
6. **After baptism, what will you do to show that you are on God's team and He is ruler of your life?** I will continue to be obedient to what Jesus asks of me. I will pray to God and read my Bible. I will come to learn and worship with others at church. I will tell others what I am learning about Jesus.
7. **Are you wanting to be baptized to please someone else or is this something you really want to do?** Your personal answer.

If you decide on water baptism for your child 10 – 12 years old, please contact Pastor Tina at 651-797-7384 or email tina@realchurch.org.

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Person being Baptized: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent's Name (print): _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email Address: _____

Relationship:

Parent

Legal Guardian

My child/young adult has my permission to be water baptized by Maranatha Assembly of God. I, acting on my own behalf, also release Maranatha Assembly of God, its agents, assigns, staff, employees, as well as volunteer workers from any liability whatsoever arising out of property damage or loss, as well as any injury, sickness or death which may occur by my child or young adults' participation in this activity. I am aware of the risks and agree to my child or young adult participating with full awareness of these risks. I authorize Maranatha Assembly of God to use our child's likeness in photographs or video in any and all of its publications and in any and all other media. We will make no monetary or other claim against Maranatha Assembly of God for the use of such photographs or video. Parent's signature authorizes emergency treatment in the event of illness/injury and parents are not immediately available.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____ Rec'd by: _____