

Baptism Information

WHY BE BAPTIZED?

1. Because the Lord Jesus commanded it.

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. Matthew 28:19-20 NKJV

2. To follow the example set by Jesus.

It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Mark 1:9 NKJV

3. It demonstrates the outward obedience of the inward commitment I have made to follow Jesus.

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 1Johnn 2:3 NKJV

4. It is the biblical way of demonstrating that I really am a follower of Christ.

Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized. Act 18:8 NKJV

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED? Every person who has repented of their sins and have faith in Jesus Christ to save them from their sins.

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." Act 2:38-39 NKJV

WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED? As soon as you have believed.

Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. Act 2:41 NKJV

Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. Act 8:35-38 NKJV

Baptism does not make you a believer, it shows that you already are a believer.

It is important to remember that baptism is a personal statement of faith. If multiple members of your family fully understand the meaning of the importance of baptism, and each one has personally believed with all their heart repenting of their sins, we encourage families to be baptized at the same time. It is a wonderful expression of commitment.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BAPTISM?

In the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, baptism symbolizes the burial.

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:3-4 NKJV

Baptism symbolizes our own death to sin and a new life in Christ. It symbolizes the inward cleansing and forgiveness of sin that we received in Christ.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR WHEN I AM BAPTIZED?

First Pentecostals can provide baptismal clothing and a towel. There are changing rooms and one may choose to bring their own change of clothes for baptismal. A plastic bag will be provided for your wet clothing.

We encourage you to invite all your relatives and friends to attend your baptism.

If you have any questions or would like more information or a personal Bible Study on this subject please contact the church office at (501) 778-6974



YOUTH BAPTISM PERMISSION FORM

Dear Parents or Guardian,

This is a baptism permission form. Your child has been counseled about their salvation and has believed on the Lord Jesus Christ as exemplified in Acts 8:36-37. Now in accordance with Acts 2:38 they wish to be baptized in Jesus Name. If you would give your consent that your child may be baptized by immersion, please sign below.

Baptism is simply a picture of what Jesus Christ has done for us. He died, he was buried and HE rose from the dead. Baptism means that someone is identifying him or herself with Christ and is taking a stand for Him. This is in obedience to His Word (Bible).

One can be baptized at the end of any of our services or you may schedule a personal time. We ask that you take this time to invite family and friends to join you in this special time.

Please fill out the following areas, where indicated, and submit the completed form to one of the pastors or the church office before being baptized.

Date of Baptism: _____

My child, _____ has my permission to be baptized by a pastor of the First Pentecostals of Benton, Arkansas on the above mentioned date.

Parent(s) or Guardian name (Please print) _____

Parent(s) or Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

Note: Each person being baptized will receive a Baptismal Certificate from First Pentecostals