



Baptism Information

This sheet will provide you with important information about how we handle baptisms here at Gibbon Baptist Church.

What is baptism?

In the Baptist tradition, we baptize only those who have professed faith in Jesus. We do not believe baptism saves anyone. We do believe baptism is an important step of obeying Jesus for those who have made the choice to follow Jesus with their lives. Baptism is also public identification with Christ and the Church, and in the Baptist tradition is required for church membership.

Although we do not baptize infants, we do offer child dedication. Child dedication is an opportunity for parents (also: guardians, grandparents) to publicly and intentionally dedicate themselves to raising the child they are responsible for in a God-honoring way.

What preparation is needed?

We require successful completion of a baptism class prior to baptism. I typically lead this class as three 50 minute Sunday morning sessions with whoever is interested in baptism, but we can talk about another format if needed.

What will the baptism be like?

- I will offer a brief explanation of what baptism is.
- You will come into the water and I will ask you several questions:
 1. What is your name?
 2. Do you reject the power of evil and sin in your life and the world?
 3. Who is your Lord and Savior?
 4. Do you have anything else you would like to say?
- You will cover your mouth and nose.
- I will say: "On the basis of your profession of faith and on behalf of Gibbon Baptist Church, I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."
- I will carefully and quickly put you completely under the water and then bring you back up.
- Once all who are present to be baptized have been baptized, I will close in prayer.

Next Steps

If you have any questions or would like to begin plans for a baptism at Gibbon Baptist Church, please contact Elaina, our church secretary, or myself anytime at 308-468-5323 or office@gibbonbaptist.org.

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