**WHAT IS BAPTISM?**

Baptism is an outward expression of an inward decision. It’s the physical expression of what has happened spiritually in your heart. It was a very private moment when you gave your heart to Jesus, just between God and you. Baptism is letting the world know of that decision to follow Him.

**WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?**

Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist before He started His ministry. Jesus also commanded His disciples to “make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” Matt 28:19 NLT – From Jesus’ example and His commandment to His disciples, we believe the next step after saying “yes” to Jesus is to be baptized.

**CAN MY CHILD BE BAPTIZED?**

We will baptize anyone over age 7 who understands what baptism symbolizes and wants to make that personal public declaration. We encourage any parents to partner with our Wave Kids and Royal Youth ministries to guide your children through these decisions of faith.

**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 Wave we provide opportunities for child dedication and believer's baptism. To schedule a Parent/Child Dedication, please [CLICK HERE](https://wavechurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/86/responses/new)

**WILL I BE IMMERSED COMPLETELY IN THE WATER OR SPRINKLED?**

Baptisms at Wave Church are full immersion, meaning all of you goes under the water. We don’t get into the theological debate of sprinkling vs immersion. We just believe in full immersion because of what Jesus has done for us, to show the transforming, amazing power which is salvation.

**WILL I GET MY HAIR WET?**

Yes, your head will be completely submerged.

**WILL I FEEL DIFFERENT?**

You may or may not “feel” different, but we do believe that when you go down into the waters, your old sinful nature is buried, and you are raised up in newness of life as you come up out of the waters. We are hoping that you sense a fresh start and new beginning after being baptized.

**WHAT DO I WEAR?**

We will give you a shirt and towel the day you’re baptized. When you sign up to be baptized, we will ask for your t-shirt size. The bottoms you wear are up to you. Guys usually wear dark colored swimming trunks, and girls will wear either dark colored capris or leggings. Don’t forget to bring a change of clothes to change into after you are baptized…or you’ll be going home wet.

**WHERE DO I NEED TO GO ON BAPTISM DAY?**

After you sign up to be baptized, someone from our baptism team will reach out to you with instructions on where to meet, when to arrive, and answer any questions you might have.

**CAN I INVITE PEOPLE TO SEE ME BE BAPTIZED?**

Absolutely! Invite your family and friends to come celebrate this special moment with you.