
"Go therefore and
make disciples of all
nations, BAPTIZING
them in the name of
the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy
Spirit, teaching them
to obey everything I
have commanded you
and know that I am
with you always even
to the end of the age."

-Jesus-



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Baptism

GLEN LAKE COMMUNITY
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WHAT IS BAPTISM?

We are glad you asked! At Glen Lake Church we believe that baptism is a gift of God! In baptism, we are not the main actors, but God is lavishing God's grace upon us. Baptism is a visible sign of an invisible grace.

In the Old Testament, God made a covenant with Israel that God would be their God and they would be God's people. That covenant was marked with the sign of circumcision. Throughout the Old Testament we see that the people were not always faithful to the covenant they made with God, but God remained faithful to His covenant promises.

In the New Testament, God still wanted to keep His covenant with His people, but knew that we could not keep our side of the covenant. Out of God's deep love for us, God sent His only son Jesus into the world to save His people. Just before Jesus began his ministry, he was baptized by a man named John the Baptist. The waters of Baptism became the new circumcision into which we receive the promises of God. Baptism is thus a visible sign of God's grace and a seal of God's covenantal promises upon us.

WHAT HAPPENS IN BAPTISM?

In baptism God promises by grace alone

- to forgive our sins;
- to adopt us into the Body of Christ, the church;
- to send the Holy Spirit daily to renew and cleanse us;
- and to resurrect us to eternal life.

Through baptism Christ calls us to new obedience,

- to love and trust God completely;
- to forsake the evil of the world;
- and to live a new and holy life.

WANT TO GET BAPTIZED OR BAPTIZE YOUR CHILD?

Praise God! God longs to lavish you with the gift of his grace in the waters of Baptism and to remind you that you are God's beloved child!

Your next step would be to talk with one of our pastors who will be excited to celebrate with you!!

F.A.Q.

When will the baptism happen?

We believe that baptism is a public event and should be celebrated by our community, so we will do it as part of our Sunday worship service.

Can my family come?

Yes! We would love to have your family and friends join us for this special moment and to offer you their support and encouragement

Do you baptize by immersion, sprinkling , or pouring?

The simple answer is yes! In our Worship Center we have a baptism font where we can sprinkle or pour water. We are also open to going to the lake in the summer for a baptism there!

Do you baptize or dedicate babies?

We believe in baptizing babies. We believe the work that is taken place in baptism is a gift of God, even if the baby does not yet realize it. It also continues the tradition of Old Testament circumcision of babies

Who can be baptized?

Babies, children, and adults are invited to be baptized. We do believe in one baptism as scripture teaches so we will not re-baptize. Many adults will choose to become members of the church when they are baptized. We also believe that parents/guardians of children should be members of the church when the baby is baptized because this is a covenantal moment in both the child's life and the parents life. Our hope is the child might one day stand before the community and profess Jesus as their Lord and Savior.