BAPTISM | WHEN IS MY CHILD READY?

Baptism is a clear directive found in Scripture for anyone who professes a saving faith in Jesus Christ. For younger children, it is important to embrace their profession but wait on baptism until they are mature in their understanding. Maturity is when someone takes responsibility for their own thoughts, actions, and beliefs, becoming accountable to Christ and their local body of believers.

While your child may make a credible profession of faith, it is important to shepherd them well when deciding if they are mature and ready for baptism. Doing so helps us maintain the integrity of the confession of our faith and the weight of responsibility one shares with the body of Christ.

HELPFUL QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

Q. Is God's Word being received, believed, and beginning to take shape in my child (Hebrews 4:12)?
Q. Has my child personally received and responded to what God has done for them through Jesus (Ephesians 2:8-9)?
Q. Is there evidence that my child understands they now belong to God and show a desire to follow Him (Luke 9:23)?

STEPS TO HELP PREPARE YOUR CHILD:

- Point your child to examples of baptism in Scripture and read them together.
- Invite your child to observe and celebrate another believer's baptism.
- Help your child clearly articulate their saving faith in Jesus Christ.
- Discuss with your child the purpose of baptism and what it symbolizes.
- When you and your child have decided they are mature and have made a credible confession of faith, we would like to invite you to join our next Baptism Class so we can help prepare you for this meaningful celebration of your faith in Jesus Christ.

THE GOSPEL | GOD'S PLAN FOR ME

God Rules.
The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything.
Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:!1; Colossians 1:16-17

We Sinned.
We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death.
Romans 3:23; 6:23

God Provided.
God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us.
John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9

Jesus Gives.
He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever!
Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9

We Respond.
Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.
John 14:6; Romans 10:9-10, 13