



FIRST MEMORIAL
BAPTIST CHURCH

FMBC Baptism Guidelines

Baptism is by immersion. The Greek word for "baptize" means immerse. Scriptures about baptism also make immersion absolutely necessary in the ordinance. Baptism must be in water (Mark 1:5). It requires much water (John 3:23), going down into the water (Acts 8:38), burial in water and resurrection from the water (Colossians 2:12), and coming up out of the water (Acts 8:39).

Baptism sets forth the burial and resurrection of Christ and shows the individual's salvation by death to sin and resurrection to a new life in Christ (Romans 6:4-8). It is an illustration or symbol of salvation (I Peter 3:21), or putting on a uniform showing that we are saved (Galatians 3:27), done in obedience to Christ's command (Matthew 28:19-20).

Baptism is not essential for salvation. There is no passage in the Bible that teaches that baptism is necessary for salvation. Some passages have been wrongly interpreted to teach it, but there is no passage that says "except ye be baptized ye shall be lost". This is said of both repentance and faith (Luke 13:3, John 3:18). There are many passages that plainly teach that salvation is without baptism (Acts 16:31, Romans 10:13).

In the New Testament, only believers were baptized and believers were saved. Paul clearly teaches that baptism is not a part of the gospel message of salvation. In I Corinthians 1:14-17). Paul also said here that he was sent to preach the gospel, not to baptize. This plainly teaches that baptism is not part of the gospel, but Paul taught in Romans 1:16 that the gospel is "the power of GOD unto salvation".

Every Christian should be baptized, not in order to be saved, but because he/she is saved.

How do I get baptized at First Memorial?

At FMBC, baptisms take place on the first Sunday of each month, at 10 AM. If you desire to be baptized, please complete the information below and submit form to Sis. Cynthia Quarles:

Today's Date _____ **Age:** _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Desired Date of Baptism _____

Note: All candidates for baptism are required to report to the Pastor's Office to meet with him, at 9AM, the morning of baptism.

***Sis. Cynthia Quarles will contact you with further information.**