

BAPTISM

What is baptism?

Baptism is an illustration of Jesus' burial and resurrection. A reflection of your new life in Christ.

"For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ." Colossians 2:12

Baptism does not make you a believer, but it demonstrates you already believe. You are saved by your faith in the finished work of Jesus on the cross.

Why should I be baptized?

- **To follow the example set by Jesus Christ.**

"At that time, Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river."- Mark1:9

- **Because Jesus commanded it.**

"Jesus said, 'Go then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.'- Matthew 28:19-20

- **It is an outward demonstration and testimony of faith.**

"We know that we have come to know Him if we obey his commands." - 1 John 2:3

What if I was baptized as an infant?

At Champion Cowboy Church we baptized those who have made their own personal decision to believe in Jesus' death as payment for their sin. In the Bible, disciples were baptized after they believed in Jesus. We offer a child dedication service if you wish to make a commitment to raise your child in the faith.

Do I have to say anything?

You will have an opportunity to speak of your faith briefly before baptism, if you so chose. Pastor will ask if you have accepted Jesus as your Savior and will follow Him all the days of your life. We encourage you to invite your friends and family to be a part of this big day with you!

What should I wear?

We will give you a t-shirt to be baptized in. We recommend you wear shorts that can get wet, and bring a towel.

When can I be baptized?

We celebrate Water Baptism Sunday twice a year. Once you have made your decision, fill out an "I have decided" card and we will let you know the next baptism is scheduled.

Why water baptism by immersion?

Because Jesus was baptized that way and He is our example.

"As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water." - Mathew 3:16