

PARENTS *Leading* KIDS



SO... YOUR KID IS READY TO BE BAPTIZED

This is a HUGE step in obedience for faith and we are excited to walk alongside you and your family in your journey. Use this guide as a template for what will happen in each step.

Baptism is a symbol of the grace that God has given us. Acts 2:38 tells us to repent and be baptized. Baptism is a way of showing loyalty to Christ. Baptism happens because Jesus told us in the great commission to GO and baptize (Matthew 28:19-20). Baptism happens as a reflection of what Jesus did (Matthew 3:16-17). Baptism happens after a decision to follow Christ. The process:



SCHEDULE A TIME TO SPEAK WITH A PASTOR

This allows us to hear their story and answer any questions they may have.



SET A DATE FOR VIDEO AND BAPTISM

Set a date that works best for your family. Videos are done early to give time to edit.



CHOOSE A WAY TO CELEBRATE THE DAY

Invite friends and family to celebrate the day. It is a BIG step of faith!

We want to hear your story for baptism. We pray that by you telling your story that others will hear, repent, and believe - then will make a decision to get baptized as well. It is important! Videos are the most effective way, but you can have it read or told from the baptistry if unable to share in video form. Use the questions below to begin thinking of what you would like to say.

Things we would like to hear in your story are:

- What led you to a decision to follow Jesus and to trust God as your Lord and Savior?
 - When did it happen, what were you doing, and who were you with?
- Why do you want to be baptized? What led you to this important step in your faith?
- How has First Baptist Church of Decatur played a role in your decision?
- Who are some people that you would like to thank for helping you along your journey?

Notes for baptism day: Meet in coffee bar 15 minutes prior to service. Towels, a changing room, a bag for wet items, and a hair dryer are provided. Photographers and a person for assistance are provided. Wear a dark shirt under robe. Bring a full change of clothes for afterward.

