

## Infant Baptism Service

Some Christians do not believe that infants should receive baptism. This is one of those issues that we have refused to fight about at New Life Church as long as it is understood that baptism does *not* save or regenerate the infant being baptized. For more on this topic and the possible Biblical basis of child baptism, download this article [? infant-baptism.](#)

According to our church by-laws, parents who bring their children to be baptized do so as: (1) an expression of their faith in God and (2) a dedication of themselves to Christian parenthood. Our by-laws read:

"Parents will vow to:

1. Express their faith that although their children are born sinful and rebellious toward God, He has promised to save them through faith in Jesus Christ even as He has saved us, and acknowledge that God's means of saving their children is primarily through the Christian home; and
2. Believing these promises, promise to lead a Godly life before their children and encourage them to follow their example, pray with and for their children that God would save them, train them in the nurture and discipline of the Lord and His Word, and impress on their children the need they have of a Savior and the promises of God in Christ Jesus."

### **These are the questions asked to the parents:**

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in his (her) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his (her) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon God's grace, that you will endeavor to set before him (her) a godly example, that you will pray with and for him (her), that you will instruct him (her) in the teachings of the Christian faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's

appointment, to bring him (her) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

**This question is asked of the Congregation:**

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

For baptism the pastor will use the words of Matthew 28:

" (Name) , I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Then a brief prayer will be offered.

**How Do I Schedule a Baptism?**

Contact the church office. Baptisms of small children are done during the Sunday morning service. The pastor will discuss the baptism service with you and set up a time to present your child before God. WE LOVE DOING BAPTISMS!