

Believers' Baptism by Immersion

Baptism is one of the most debated practices in the Church. Because it is fundamental to the command of the Church and the preaching of the gospel (Matt 28:18–20), how baptism is done is important. Baptists have historically believed that baptism must be by immersion, and that only those old enough to have made a decision to accept Christ as Savior should receive baptism.

The biblical record has *no occurrences* of the baptism of anyone before they have confessed a belief in Christ. Where it is *possible* that children in a household might have been baptized without confession, there is no clear evidence that it was the case (Acts 17:5, 16:33; 1 Cor 1:16). So, those who see it there are reading something into the text that is not explicitly stated.

As to the mode of baptism, the confusion comes not from the Bible but from historical interpretation. The Greek word *baptizō* means “to immerse” in every known usage outside of the Bible, but has always been transliterated as *baptism* English because of the diversity of denominations and interpretations. The adoption of other methods of baptism such as sprinkling or pouring water on the head can be identified in the historical record. They were initially compromises because of the health or mobility of individual believers as the Christian Church spread throughout the world.

If you would like to be baptized in public declaration of your faith and in obedience to Christ, please see one of our elders.

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Financial Summary

2023 Budget	\$224,885	Budget to Date	\$25,950
Weekly Budget	\$4,325	Giving to Date	\$25,473

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The May-December 2022 Financial Report is now available.



*Creating environments where people
encounter Jesus and journey together*

Today's Worship

"Lord Reign in Me"

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- Believers' Baptism -

"My Jesus"

© 2021 Anne Wilson, Jeff Pardo, and Matthew West, CCLI #7174531

- Join us at the Lord's Table -

"Hungry"

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"Doxology"

"I Surrender All"

Public Domain, Judson Wheeler Van DeVenter and Winfield Weeden, CCLI #23189

- Exploring the Scriptures Together -

News and Notes

February

18 Ladies' Ministry, 9:15am

24 Ministry Leaders Meeting, after worship

March

4 Southern NH Rescue Mission

11 Men's Breakfast, 9:00am

18 Ladies' Ministry, 9:15am

25 First Aid/CPR/AED Training, 11:00am-3:00pm

Resurrection Sunday is April 8! Good Friday service on April 6, 6:30pm.

Group Bible Studies

Tues 7pm (Ray Pouliot, Mike Trask), Bible study room

Wed 7pm (Bob Bragdon), Bible study room

Exploring the Scriptures Together

Text:

The Big Idea:

Nursery is provided 9:30-11:30am for children ages 0-3.
There is an age-appropriate teaching time for children ages 4-10.
On the first Sunday of each month, older children stay with their families.