

baptism



how does LCBC do baptism?

Every few months, LCBC uses a pool to baptize people during the weekend gatherings. If you want to be baptized at LCBC:

1. Mark your registration slip, call your campus office or visit LCBCchurch.com.
2. Write down the story of how you became a follower of Jesus.
3. Attend an informational meeting prior to your baptism. We also have meetings designed especially for kids.

On the day of your baptism, you enter the pool while a worship team member reads your story. The person being baptized is usually immersed completely in water, but if you're unable to do this, water can be poured over you instead. If someone played a significant role in helping you come to Jesus, LCBC encourages you to have that person with you in the pool.



what is baptism?

Thank you for your interest in baptism at LCBC. If you've trusted in Jesus and haven't been baptized, we strongly encourage you to consider taking this important step.

The word baptize comes from the Greek word baptizo, meaning to dip or submerge. It was used to describe the process of making pickles or dyeing cloth.

Baptism was a common practice in many ancient religions as part of ceremonial washings. During the life of Jesus, John the Baptist baptized people to symbolize that they needed to change their lives and begin obeying God from the heart.

In its original context, baptism symbolized cleansing from an old, wrong way of acting or thinking and identifying with a new, God-honoring lifestyle. The baptisms also took place in public places so everyone in the community could see the difference Jesus had made in the person's life.

In Romans 6:1-4, the apostle Paul explains the symbolism of Christian baptism: as Jesus died and was raised from the dead, we have died to our old way of life and have been raised to a new life as a result of trusting in Jesus.

That's what baptism into the life of Jesus means. When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus. The Message - Romans 6:3-14



why does LCBC do baptism?



One of Jesus' final instructions to His followers:

Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19 (NLT)

We baptize people today because Jesus told us that after a person has become His follower (or disciple), they're supposed to be baptized. The purpose of baptism is to show people in both the church and the community that they've become a follower of Jesus.

Baptism will not cause God to forgive them—or help them get to heaven. The Bible does not teach this and we're shown by example as well. When Jesus was hanging on the cross, the thief hanging beside Him asked, "Remember me when you come into your Kingdom." There was no opportunity for the thief to be baptized but Jesus told the thief that He would see him in heaven that very day (Luke 23:42, 43).

when should someone be baptized?

Baptism should be done after a person has trusted in Jesus for forgiveness of his or her sins. Jesus tells us to make disciples and baptize; LCBC believes He meant it to be done in that order. That's also the pattern seen in the Bible in places like Acts 8:38.

To be sure that the person being baptized fully understands his or her decision, LCBC doesn't baptize kids under the age of 8. Parents may want to encourage their kids to wait even longer until they're mature enough to make the decision for themselves.

If you were baptized as an infant or at any time before you trusted in Jesus for forgiveness of your sins, you are encouraged to be baptized again.





getting started.

Go to LCBCchurch.com for the most up-to-date information on upcoming baptisms or to complete an application to be baptized.

If you're not sure if baptism is right for you or need to discuss a special circumstance contact your campus office: