

## About Baptisms at Foothills Church:

We are so glad you're considering baptism. This is a momentous step in every believer's life. Baptism signifies the washing away of sins, identifying with Christ in His death and resurrection, the initiation into His church and so much more. Baptism is a public confession of faith in Christ and your entrance into the New Covenant. We will go over this and more at the orientation which will be about one hour before the service.

We practice **full-emersion baptism**. We have a baptismal at the front of the church and each person is placed fully under the water. (We try to do it just as they did in the Bible.) If it's not possible for you to be fully immersed in water because of physical disability- please let me know. We will make accommodations.

The Baptism services at Foothills are a **celebration!** We baptize each one during the worship time at the beginning of service. Your friends and family are free to move up close to the baptismal to celebrate with you and take pictures if they like. Immediately after you are baptized, our ministry team would like to pray for you and bless you on this happy day. Your family and friends are encouraged to join them in prayer for you

Also, we don't practice **infant baptism**. We only baptize those who are old enough to have made a conscious, informed decision to follow Christ. We do practice child dedications- where you present your child to the Lord in front of the whole congregation and dedicate him to God. If you need more about child dedications- just call Sylvia at the church office (619-442-7728).

If you have been baptized before (as an adult) and are seeking to be **re-baptized** please let me know before the day of the service. Depending on the situation you may not need to be baptized again. We should discuss it.

You are ready to be baptized if you have committed your life to Christ, are ready to obey Him in everything, and are ready to take your place as a member of His church. If there is serious compromise or unconfessed sin in your life- please let us help. Jesus is more than able to bring forgiveness and reconciliation. However, **we cannot baptize anyone who is practicing a lifestyle of sin** (living together without being married, embracing a lifestyle of addiction or lust, etc.) Please, if you find yourself in this condition, let us help bring Christ's wonderful freedom into your life. Call me or any of the staff pastors at Foothills. We'd love to help.

If you can't make this baptism, we have a baptism service about every 8 weeks.

If you have any questions before the baptism, please call me.

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