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Baptism

Baptism is one of the two sacraments (the other being the Lord's Supper) given to us by Jesus. In our Baptism, we are drawn into the body of Christ that is the Church. When the baptismal waters pour over us, we are invited to live in the new creation to which God call us in Christ.

In the Bible, there are no instances of infant baptism; only infant dedication. The biblical way is **believer's baptism**, based on a person's profession of faith at the age of reason (usually 12-15, or there about). Also, biblically, a person is immersed, either in a pool or some other body of sufficiently deep water.

However, with the advent of infant baptism in the early centuries of the Catholic Church, the tradition of infant baptism has lived on through the ages.

At the Miami Lakes Congregational Church, we perform baptism for both infants and adults.

There are two paths a family can choose from:

If you wish to have a Baptism at our church . . .

Member/s Baptism. This option is done during the church worship service and suggest that you and your family have chosen to become an active part of our church family. (when we choose to have our child baptized, as a parent, we are making a commitment to raise our child in the Christian faith)

For this, there is a no fee. You need only begin attending services and choose to become active in the life of our congregation.

Upon our request to have your child baptism (or to be baptized yourself), the Minister will meet with you for a brief baptismal awareness session and will make the necessary arrangements for the Baptism on date of your choosing. During the Baptismal observance, a certificate of Baptism will be provided to the parents.

Private Baptism. For this option you can choose to do it on Saturday. You will need to follow the requirements:

- Meet with the Pastor for a thirty minutes baptism awareness session.
- Pay a fee of \$225, due three weeks prior to the baptism.

For the private ceremony, the baptism can be done in English or Spanish. At the baptism ceremony, the church will provide a certificate of baptism for the parents.

For further information please call Liz at 305-822-4313

