

Surprise Church

Baptism Application

1. **Today's date:**
2. **Requested baptism date(s):**
3. **Full name of individual to be baptized:**
4. **Current age of baptized individual:**
5. **Parent(s) name, phone & email (if #1 is a minor):**

6. **Sponsors/Godparents names** (one or more persons that you have or will invite into a special mentoring role to encourage and support the baptized individual in the years ahead):

7. **Parents and sponsors** have an important role in the baptism of an infant or child. You will make promises to God on behalf of the child, to raise him/her in a Christian manner so that they learn how to follow Christ and share the Gospel. Specifically, you'll promise to do the following five things:
 1. ***Make worship a weekly priority together.***
 - We make weekly worship a priority.
 - We eagerly invite friends and family to visit Surprise.
 2. ***Model and teach him/her to use God's Word in everyday life.***
 - We currently have a pattern and plan for engaging God's word and praying as a family.
 3. ***Partner with Surprise Church in the following ways:***
 - Active involvement in worship and growth opportunities
 - Missional community participation (currently or in future)
 - Serving at Surprise and in the community (email sargianna@surprisechurch.com for info and options):

___ Support the mission of Surprise financially (visit surprisechurch.com/give to make a first-time, one-time, or to schedule a recurring gift).

___ I/we are additionally partnering with the Surprise Church in the following ways:

- 4. Harness resources and tools that will foster his/her ongoing spiritual growth** including inspiring and Christ-centered books, events, websites, movies, etc., along with traditional tools (like the Lord's Prayer, Apostles Creed, and the Ten Commandments) and resources provided through Surprise Kids.

What tools and resources are you currently using and planning to use to impact your child's faith?

- 5. Pray fervently for him/her on a regular basis.**

___ I have asked others (including my child's sponsors) to join me in continual prayer for my child. Please list the names of those who are currently praying with you:

>I'm cool with all this! I/we as parent(s) will eagerly and passionately make and keep these promises with the help of God:

- 8.** If you're over 12 and/or would like to make the above promises yourself, can you do so freely and without reservation? _____
(You can fill out Question #7 on your own or with your parents)

- 9.** Since baptism is a great opportunity to welcome people from all walks of life to see and celebrate with our faith-filled community, we plan baptisms as public events! So let us know below and we'll plan accordingly:

How many people do you anticipate will join us in worship on Baptism Sunday?

How many people do you anticipate will join us at the baptism service after church?

- 10. One year review:**

I/we will contact Pastor Matt a year after this baptism (on the date of ___/___/____) to talk and pray about our progress, lessons-learned, prayer requests, and needs.

What to bring for baptism?

Infant baptism:

1. A nice white towel for infant baptisms, which can be used and stored as a keepsake. You may also wish to purchase a bowl that can be used in the baptism service, and then displayed with the towel as a sacred memory.
2. A change of clothes, especially if using a special baptism outfit for babies and don't want your little one wearing it long enough to mess it up!
3. Camera for taking pictures

Infant or adult immersion baptism:

1. Two towels for each person being baptized
2. A shirt and shorts/pants (for baptized individuals) that can get wet without being see through. Colored clothing is better than white; infants can be carefully submerged or have water sprinkled on their heads).
3. Camera for taking pictures

**Questions? Call 701-390-9804
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