



1. Does baptism save you?

- a. At Westwood, we believe that baptism is not a means of salvation, but instead a proclamation of your choice to follow Jesus. A choice to follow Jesus happens in our hearts, and a simple prayer to "A.B.C." 'Acknowledge' your sin, 'Believe' in Christ and God's forgiveness for you, and 'Commit' to follow him, and you receive salvation from God as a gift from God. Baptism is an external declaration of that internal salvation.

2. Who should be baptized?

- a. Anyone who has made the decision to invite Christ into their life and accept salvation should be baptized! At Westwood, we ask that children wait until they are nine years old to take this step (see question 5 for more about the age specification).

3. When should I be baptized?

- a. In Scripture we see that people were baptized immediately after professing their faith in Christ (Acts 2:41). While that's not possible in our services each week, we encourage you to take the step now if you've been waiting for a while.

4. Why do I need to complete online education?

- a. We want you to have the chance to both learn more about baptism and have the space to process your testimony. After doing the online portion of education, you'll have the opportunity to meet with a Westwood Leader to share your testimony and why you are taking this step towards baptism.

5. I just had a baby, can I baptize them?

- a. Congratulations! At Westwood we believe in believers' baptism, meaning that the person being baptized can articulate a clear faith in Christ. Because of this, we ask that families wait until their children are nine to take a step towards baptism. At nine years old a child can

both articulate their faith as their own, and also remember the special day for years to come. If you wish to dedicate your child to God and publicly declare that you want to raise them to love Jesus, click [HERE](#) to learn more about Child Dedication.

6. I was baptized as a baby and want to be baptized now as my choice. How do I tell my family about my choice?

- a. This is your opportunity to make that choice to be baptized after having trusted in Christ. And we get it- sometimes family dynamics can be tricky! Instead of presenting your decision to be baptized by your own choice as one of rejection of your parents' choice, present it as an opportunity to thank your parents and family for their love towards you and their desire to see you love Jesus. Your baptism is an opportunity for them to see those prayers come to fruition as you individually proclaim your love for Christ and desire to be baptized. We discourage rebaptism for people who were baptized as older children or adults, but we do allow baptism for those who were baptized as babies.

7. How frequently do you offer baptism? And where are they hosted?

- a. We offer baptism three to four times a year. Our Easter Baptism is in the evening on Easter Sunday at the Chanhassen Campus, and the other baptisms are during morning services at each campus. These are wonderful opportunities for our community at Westwood to come around those being baptized in spaces that are easy to attend and to celebrate new life in Christ with those around them.