

Indian Creek Baptist Church

Baptismal Service

Worship Service 7:00 PM March 20, 2016

Welcome and Opening Prayer Pastor Chris

Scripture Reading:
Matthew 16:13-16 Junior Show
Matthew 16:17-20 Ed Warner

Hymn: “*Are You Washed in the Blood?*” No. 330

Scripture Reading:
Ephesians 2:11-16 Rick Broadwater
Ephesians 2:17-21 Beverly Morrison

Hymn: “*O, How I Love Jesus!*” No. 281

Baptismal Service Pastor Chris

Opening Remarks

Baptism of:

Bailey Pritts

Jessica Kinneer

Meredith Kinneer

Madison Kinneer

Kenzie Mowry

Jocelyn Richter

*Each individual had their testimony read after entering the baptistery
This occurred before immersion*

Hymn: “**Just A Closer Walk with Thee**” No. 279

Scripture Reading:
2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 John Warrick

Devotional: “*Partnering Together in Ministry*” Pastor Chris
Devotional taken from 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Hymn: “*Sweeter as the Years Go By*” No. 280

Closing Remarks and Prayer Sharon Weible

Important Bible Verses about Baptism

The example of Jesus: “As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.’” (Matthew 3:16-17)

Believers are commanded to baptize: “Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’” (Matthew 28:18-20)

Baptism before joining the local church: “When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’ Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins’... Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.” (Acts 2:37-38, 21)

Adults being rebaptized: “‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?’ They answered, ‘No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.’ So Paul asked, ‘Then what baptism did you receive?’ ‘John’s baptism,’ they replied. Paul said, ‘John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.’ On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.” (Acts 19:2-5)

Baptism symbolizes the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord: “Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6:3-4)

Because of these passages (and others), we believe:

Individuals are not saved through baptism. No work can save our souls. People can only be saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ.

We are called to a life of obedience. All believers should strive to follow the Lord’s example and be baptized. Also, the Lord has commanded us specifically to baptize.

Baptism is a powerful outward proclamation of an inward work. It is a proclamation that one has died to their sins, in the likeness of Christ’s death, and, just as Christ has risen from the dead, risen to walk in newness of life. For this reason, and in accordance to the pattern in the New Testament, believers are baptized after conversion.

We maintain that baptism is a necessary qualification for church membership