

The decision to baptize a child is a very important one. Because we understand baptism as a sacrament (a means of God's grace), we believe it is essential for parents to be clear about the meaning of this important event.

With that in mind, we have developed these guidelines to assist you in your thinking and planning. After reading through this material, please feel free to call Laura Fohr (407.588.1709) with any questions or concerns you may have.

Baptism Guidelines

[1] The **Baptism Schedule** is as follows:

- At The FIVE, 6:30 pm Saturday or Vessel services, baptism can be scheduled almost any weekend.
- At the 9 and 10:15 am Sunday services, due to time limitations, baptisms can only be scheduled on non-Communion weekends.

[2] Parents who are not regular attenders of one of University Carillon's worshipping communities need to discuss this matter with a pastor before scheduling a baptism date.

[3] All parents are expected to attend a teaching/information session on baptism led by one of the pastors. This meeting will cover the meaning of baptism and will include discussion and interpretation of the baptism vows.

To schedule a baptism meeting, please contact Laura Fohr (administrative assistant to the pastors) at 407.588.1709, or by e-mailing LauraFohr@ucumc.net.

[4] The baptism will be scheduled early in the service so that, following the baptism, infants and toddlers may be taken to the nursery. Please inform your guests who attend the worship service that a well-staffed nursery is available for their children, from infants through four years of age.

[5] During the baptism, parents may invite grandparents to stand with them on the platform or at the altar.

[6] Following the worship service, the pastor(s) will be happy to gather with the family for photographs. Please let family members know that *no flash pictures are to be taken during the service of worship*. A video camera may be used if the photographer remains seated in the first row.

Information Needed for the Baptismal Certificate

Please return this information to the pastors' administrative assistant, Laura Fohr.

Full name of the person to be baptized: _____
Date of Birth: ____/____/____ City and State of Birth: _____
Father's full name: _____
Mother's full name: _____
Phone Number: _____ (Home) _____ (Cell)
Email address: _____
Desired date of baptism: (1st choice) _____ (2nd choice) _____
Please circle desired service time: 5 pm SAT 6:30 pm SAT 9 am SUN 10:15 am SUN 11:40 am SUN
Number of guests anticipated: _____

Infant and Child

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