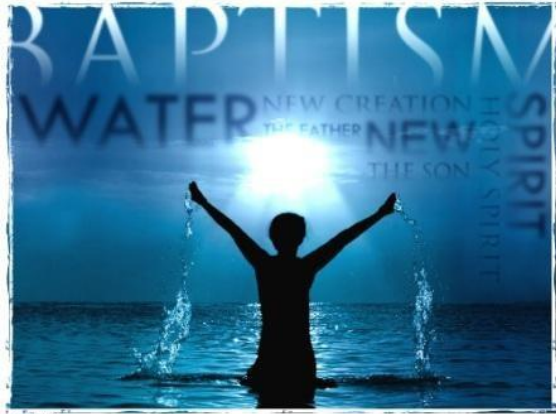


Albion Church of the Nazarene

Christian Baptism



**“Repent and be
baptized every one of
you in the name of
Jesus Christ...”**

Acts 2:38

What Does the Bible Say About Baptism?

“...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.”

--Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20

“When the people heard this (*that they had sinned*), 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. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

--following Peter’s sermon on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2:37-39, 41

“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 (*to sin*) in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

--The Apostle Paul in Romans 6:3-4

Declaration of Your Faith Through the Sacrament of Baptism



What is the Official Statement on Baptism from the Church of the Nazarene Manual?

We believe that Christian baptism, commanded by our Lord, is a sacrament signifying acceptance of the benefits of the atonement of Jesus Christ, to be administered to believers and declarative of their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior, and full purpose of obedience in holiness and righteousness.

Baptism being a symbol of the new covenant, young children may be baptized, upon request of parents or guardians who shall give assurance for them of necessary Christian training. Baptism may be administered by sprinkling, pouring, or immersion, according to the choice of the applicant.

(Matthew 3:1-7; 28:16-20; Acts 2:37-41; 8:35-39; 10:44-48; 16:29-34; 19:1-6; Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-28; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:18-22)
Manual: Church of the Nazarene, 2013-2017

What does that statement mean in everyday language?

Baptism is commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20) It is how Jesus told us to make a public witness of our decision to follow Him through seeking and receiving His forgiveness of our sins. It is also a statement of intent that we will continue to live and grow in our following the teachings of Jesus Christ and to be obedient to Him in all areas of life.

Baptism is a symbol that represents our old life of sin being buried with Christ and we are raised up a new person with a new life in and with Christ.

The Bible never defines how much water was applied or how. Therefore, the Church of the Nazarene considers immersion, sprinkling, and pouring all to be acceptable methods of baptism.

Nazarenes also understand baptism to be a symbol of the new relationship God establishes with His people. Because of this, some Nazarenes choose to have their young children baptized as a symbol of their intention to raise their children in God's Church and their hope to see that their children choose God's ways when they are older.

What to do next...

If you are interested in being baptized please communicate with Pastor Wayne and he will set up a time to talk to you and makes plans for your baptism.

You are encouraged to invite family and friends to your baptism, as a witness to them of your decision to follow Christ.