



## Request to be Baptized - KIDS

### NOTE TO PARENTS

Baptism is an awesome expression of faith of Jesus Christ. On the second page of this form is some information to help you and your child as he or she makes the decision to be baptized.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION – Tell us about you and your family

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M / F

Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s) Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best email address to contact parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are one or both parents a member of Calvary Church? Y / N

If not, does one or both parents attend Calvary Church? Y / N How long? \_\_\_\_\_

Which service does child and/or family attend? 8:15a / 9:45a / 11:15a

### SPIRITUAL LIFE – Tell us more about you and how you decided to trust Jesus

1. Tell us the story of when you decided to trust Jesus as your savior. He is the Rescue Man that God promised would rescue us.

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2. Are you going to heaven? If you are, how do you know?

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3. Why do you want to be baptized? How would you explain what baptism is to someone who asked you?

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**Parents:** Baptism is about letting those around you know that you **confess** and **believe**. Here’s how we explain those two words to your child in Calvary Kids and how we help them understand what it means to become a Christian. To **confess** means that you agree with God about your sin, your broken condition, and your need to be rescued. To **believe** means that you trust that Jesus Christ is the “Rescue Man” that God promised. He came after you, did it perfect for you, died as your substitute, and rose again in victory over sin and death. Because of what Jesus did, and what He’s promised, if you have “grabbed on to Jesus” by having a conversation with Him about these things, then we believe that He has made some awesome promises to you. He will “grab on” to you (send the Holy Spirit to live in you) and will never let go, He will begin to shape and mold you to be more like Jesus, and He will keep all of His many promises to you.

Baptism is not what saves a person; rather, it is one of the first things a saved person does in order to “put on the jersey” (identify that I am on Jesus “team”) and “put on the ring.” Baptism is a symbol, like a wedding ring, that will always remind you of the promises you make by confessing and believing in Jesus *and* remind you of the gracious promises that God has made to you and will always keep.

While our church does not require a baptism or catechism class, it is highly recommended that all children who wish to be baptized attend our **Starting Point For Kids** class. This 4-week class is offered each spring and fall, and is a helpful catechism covering God’s character, the person and work of Jesus, baptism, and life as a follower of Christ. To register your child for the next class, simply email us at [cindy@calvaryweb.net](mailto:cindy@calvaryweb.net).

If your child has initiated the desire to be baptized, and you believe that they are ready for baptism, please complete the **Request for Baptism – Kids** form and return it to a Calvary Kids staff member or to the front office. Someone will contact you about the next baptism date and will set up a time for parent(s) and child to join Pastor Josh Reasoner to talk together about this important step in their journey of faith. (Families may request another pastor of their choice for the baptism one-on-one.) We want to spend a few moments discussing together and encouraging each child (and parent) in this decision. Occasionally, a child is asked to wait until they are older and have a better grasp of the gospel, grace, or this decision to be baptized. This decision to go ahead with baptism or to wait is determined together with parent(s) based on what is best for the child’s long-term faith journey.

If you have any questions, our staff is happy to help. Contact us at the church office (219.462.4026) or via email:

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One on One date	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved for baptism by	_____ (Pastor)
<input type="checkbox"/> Asked to wait. Communicated by	_____ (Pastor)
<input type="checkbox"/> Call to schedule baptism for (date)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Baptism completed	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommend for Elder Board Approval
Service requested for baptism: 8:15a / 9:45a / 11:15a	
Special Requests: _____	
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