

Infant and Child

Baptism
at UCUMC



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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 the guidelines described in this brochure to assist you in your thinking and planning. After reading through this material, please feel free to call Linda Bennett (407.588.1709) with any questions or concerns you may have.

Baptism Guidelines

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

- At the 6 pm Saturday service: any non-communion, non-new-member-joining weekend
- At the 9 am or 11:30 am Sunday service: any non-communion, non-new-member-joining weekend
- At the 10:15 Sunday service: selected dates.

[2] Parents who are not members or regular attenders of University Carillon United Methodist Church need to discuss this matter with one of the pastors 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. *Please contact Pastor Chris Akers at 407.359.2112, ext. 114, or ChrisAkers@ucumc.net to schedule a meeting.*

[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. Following the worship service, the pastor(s) will be happy to gather with the family for photographs. Please let family member 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.

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

Information Needed for the Baptismal Certificate

Please return this information to the pastors' administrative assistant, Linda Bennett.

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: 6 pm SAT 9 am SUN 10:15 am SUN 11:30 am SUN
Number of guests anticipated: _____