

1. To find out whether or not the parents of the child are saved.

If neither of the parents is saved, the Pastor should attempt to lead them to a knowledge of Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. If he is unsuccessful, the Pastor should refuse to baptize the child. If only one of the parents is saved, the Pastor should attempt to lead the unsaved parent to a knowledge of Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. If he is unsuccessful, the Pastor should request the unsaved parent not to participate in the Baptismal Service.

2. To remind the parents of their responsibility to bring up the child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
3. To instruct the parents concerning what they are to do in the Baptismal Service.

#### E. Time of the Baptismal Service

The Baptismal Service should be held immediately before the announcements in the Morning Worship Service whenever the church thinks it's necessary.

#### F. Order of Service

1. The Pastor requests the parents who have children to be baptized to bring them forward during the next congregational hymn.
2. The Pastor starts the congregation in the singing of an appropriate hymn, retires from the pulpit, and takes his place at the front of the church. The congregation remains seated.

If there is no baptismal font in the church, an Elder holds the water for the Pastor in a small bowl. The Elder stands slightly in front and either to the right or to the left of the Pastor, facing the congregation, with his body turned slightly toward the Pastor. The Elder takes his place immediately after the Pastor takes his place.

3. The parents stand when the congregation starts to sing, walk to the front, and form a line across the front of the church, facing the Pastor. The father carries the child.
4. The Pastor reads an appropriate passage of Scripture and briefly explains the significance of the Baptismal Service.
5. The Pastor asks the parents the following question:

"In presenting your child for baptism, do you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour? and do you promise, in dependence on the grace of God, to bring up your child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?"