

Now What?

The first responsibility we have as caretakers to children is to live a life devoted to Christ. Teach your child how to pray and coach him or her on how to read the Bible. Salvation and baptism are only the beginning of a wonderful journey with God. Now that you have helped your child take these exciting first steps, you have the opportunity and responsibility to disciple him or her by making faith real and active in your home.

Planning for the Year Ahead

Name of Child: _____

Think through how you will be intentional in the coming year to come alongside your child as they enter this new phase of life?

____ Pray daily for and with my child.

____ Consistently spend time in God's Word.

____ Create a one on one time for each week to connect and keep lines of communication open.

____ Create a habit of worship with my child.

____ Find a way to serve together as a family.



LEGACY MILESTONES

BAPTISM



Congratulations!

There is no bigger milestone in a child's life than the milestone of becoming a follower of Christ! Once your child has made a decision to put Jesus in charge of their life we encourage them to follow Christ's example in Baptism. If you are not sure that your child has made the decision to ask Jesus to be in charge of their life, we would encourage you to reach out to our church staff and schedule a time to meet together. We would also encourage you to pick up our legacy kit "Faith Decision: Leading your child to Christ" from our Legacy Pathway Wall.

First Steps for Kids

Consider signing up your child for our First Steps for Kids New Believers Class, a four-week study to provide children with a better understanding of their faith decision and what comes next. Children will cover foundational truths about who God is, who we are, the role of Baptism and the Lord's Supper in our faith, and what we do as followers of Christ.

Baptism:

Baptism plays an important role in the life of a believer.

Baptism is a public proclamation of what Jesus has done in the life of the believer. Baptism tells a story. Firstly it tells the story of Jesus, and His death, burial, and resurrection. At the same time, it is telling the story of who Jesus is, what He has done in our lives, and what He can do in the life of others. When we look at Jesus' baptism and the events around it, it is clear that it was to make known who Jesus is. The purpose for why we are baptized is to make known who Jesus is and to follow Him in obedience.

Baptism (Continued)

While we do not believe the water or the tub to be special, it is important that we don't downplay the importance of baptism. It's important because of the story it tells and the obedience to our savior.

Using "story" language with kids

In the Rock Hill Kid's Ministry, you may hear us use what we call "story" language. With the "story" language we explain to children that baptism is a testimony that is all about the story of Christ. We continue the story language when talking about the Lord's Supper. Jesus was taking Passover with His disciples and while they were participating, Jesus changed the story. Jesus made known that He was taking the place of the lamb in the story of Passover. He fulfilled this through His death, burial, and resurrection. Just as Jesus changed the Passover story, He has changed our story from death and darkness to abundant life. We use the "story" language to help kids connect the dots and understand that it is all about Jesus.

Celebrating Your Child's Baptism

Consider giving your child a token to commemorate the occasion. Take time to write your child a keepsake letter of remembrance. Include in the letter how you have seen evidence of the fruits of the spirit growing in their life. As children grow they may look back and have questions about their earlier faith decision. Include in your keepsake letter the circumstances around their decision and questions they were asking. Help them to remember their answers to the questions of who God is, who Jesus is, and why they needed Jesus to forgive them.

Certificate of Baptism

Rock Hill Baptist Church

This certificate is presented to

for following Christ's example in believers baptism on

the date of _____.

BAPTISM

Witness _____

