



Dear Guest,

We are excited you are here! We have been praying for you and hope The Glade becomes your church home.

Being a part of a church is absolutely essential for followers of Jesus. When you become a Christian you become a part of the everlasting family of God. By His grace, we are His people – the people He has rescued for Himself to Himself. A church grounded in the Word of God reflects the light of Christ.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, *“Let him who is not in community beware of being alone. Into the community you were called, the call was not meant for you alone; in the community of the called you bear your cross, you struggle, you pray.”*

The Glade is filled with imperfect people who only stand before God because of His grace. We are united together by His grace. We want to lead people to treasure Christ and courageously make Him known.

We are really glad you are here!

Pastor Mark

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OUR MISSION
LEADING PEOPLE TO
TREASURE CHRIST
AND COURAGEOUSLY
MAKE HIM KNOWN

THE GLADE CHURCH MISSION IS FACILITATED THROUGH OUR INTENTIONAL STRATEGY AND STRUCTURE

We offer environments to help move people through our discipleship process. We have identified the environments we believe provide the best opportunities for people to experience spiritual transformation.

TREASURING CHRIST (participating in a worship gathering)

GROWING TOGETHER (participating in a group)

SERVING ONE ANOTHER (serving the church family)

IMPACTING THE WORLD (serving our neighbors)

GIVING GENEROUSLY (supporting financially)

WE ARE A CHURCH THAT IS ...
WORD-CENTRIC
PRAYERFULLY-DEPENDENT
SPIRIT-EMPOWERED
OTHERS-FOCUSED
COMMUNITY-OBSESSED
JOYFULLY-GENEROUS

THE GLADE'S LEADERSHIP RECRUITMENT & TRAINING

In each leadership environment, The Glade recruits based on the 4 C's of prioritizing people qualities for ministry.

CHARACTER

Character trumps everything. A talented individual with little integrity damages the ministry. There is no amount of training, skill, or charisma that can sufficiently cover for a lack of integrity. Character must never be minimized. When Paul challenged Timothy to hand ministry over to other men, he challenged him to recruit "faithful men who will be able" not able men who will be faithful.

2 Timothy 2:2

COMPETENCE

We are committed to identifying the critical competencies for each volunteer position we seek to fill and ensure that those competencies are realized in the person on the team. "He shepherded them with a pure heart and guided them with his skillful hands." Psalm 78:72

CHEMISTRY

Typically, the most fulfilled volunteers are people whose personal values are in close harmony with the values of the church. Romans 12:18; Ephesians 4:11-13

CONVICTION

People who sense the Lord has called them to their respective roles offer much more than the minimal job requirements. They pour their souls into the ministry. Judges 2:8; 10

OUR VISION

THROUGH 2030, OUR
PRIORITY IS TO EQUIP AND
EMPOWER DISCIPLES
WITH A DEEPER AND WIDER
TRANSFORMATION
IN GREATER WILSON COUNTY,
MULTIPLYING THE CALLED
AND STARTING CHURCHES
TO REACH THE LOST.

OFFERING THE BEST ENVIRONMENT IN OUR WEEKLY WORSHIP GATHERINGS



As we seek to treasure Christ, we believe our worship services for all age groups are the best environment to place people before God to bring about transformation. We recognize He is the one who does the transforming, but we want to place people in a worship environment that features biblical expressions of corporate worship and teaching the Scripture. Our desire is to offer the best environment possible to God and to the people He brings to us.

OFFERING THE BEST ENVIRONMENT IN OUR GROUPS

We believe groups are vital to our spiritual growth. They are where the people of God grow together by encountering the Word of God through the Spirit of God. A group is not a community of perfect people, but a community of redeemed people. It is not a community of finished people, but a community of broken people being finished. Our Christian faith is personal, but not private. The Christian faith has always been communal; lived out in a community with other Christ followers.



MISSION STRATEGY

The Glade seeks to answer the Great Commission call and makes disciples locally and to the ends of the earth. We desire to use the resources God has given us as a church to impact the world. We want to be used as instruments in the Redeemer's hands to bring glory to His name. We seek to do this through our focused strategy of local, national, and international partnerships.

LOCAL

We are not only in Wilson county; we are for Wilson county. The Glade has identified the following areas to engage: Homelessness, Automotive, Quilt, Orphan Care, Hunger, Family Assistance, Education, and Charis Ministry.

NATIONAL

The Glade believes in the best way to reach the lost is to plant churches. We define church planting as churches that arise through evangelism. That is why we have partnered with church planters and organizations in the U.S. to aide them in their efforts to reach the lost and impact their cities. The Glade sends multiple teams a year to partner with planters and their families as they answer the Great Commission.

INTERNATIONAL

There are billions of people in the world who have not heard the gospel. There are billions of people in the world who live in extreme poverty. The church is called to meet the spiritual and physical needs of the "least of these."

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

'26 MISSIONS

BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER.



Black Mountain, NC

Feb. 22 - 27
July 13 - 17
Oct. 8 - 12

Africa

June 12 - 21

Costa Rica

April 20 - 27
Oct. 5 - 12

Athens, Greece

Mar. 24 - 31
April 27 - May 5
Oct. 5 - 13

**VIEW ALL MISSIONS
OPPORTUNITIES
HERE**



"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 CSB

OUR BELIEFS

What we believe is central to who we are. As a church we hold the historically orthodox teachings of the Bible relative to the central truths of the Christian faith. We believe that individual followers of Christ have the freedom and capacity to read, understand and interpret the Bible under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, who inspired its writing.

THE SCRIPTURES

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 17:19; Joshua 8:34; Psalms 19:7-10; 119:11,89,105,140; Isaiah 34:16; 40:8; Jeremiah 15:16; 36:1-32; Matthew 5:17-18; 22:29; Luke 21:33; 24:44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16ff.; 17:11; Romans 15:4; 16:25-26; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

GOD

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

A. God the Father

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

Genesis 1:1; 2:7; Exodus 3:14; 6:2-3; 15:11ff.; 20:1ff.; Leviticus 22:2; Deuteronomy 6:4; 32:6; 1 Chronicles 29:10; Psalm 19:1-3; Isaiah 43:3,15; 64:8; Jeremiah 10:10; 17:13; Matthew 6:9ff.; 7:11; 23:9; 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24; 5:26; 14:6-13; 17:1-8; Acts 1:7; Romans 8:14-15; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 4:6; Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 11:6; 12:9; 1 Peter 1:17; 1 John 5:7.

B. God the Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

Genesis 18:1ff.; Psalms 2:7ff.; 110:1ff.; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 53:1-12; Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 11:27; 14:33; 16:16,27; 17:5; 27; 28:1-6,19; Mark 1:1; 3:11; Luke 1:35; 4:41; 22:70; 24:46; John 1:1-18,29; 10:30,38; 11:25-27; 12:44-50; 14:7-11; 16:15-16,28; 17:1-5, 21-22; 20:1-20,28; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; 9:4-5,20; Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 5:6-21; 8:1-3,34; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2:2; 8:6; 15:1-8,24-28; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; 8:9; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:20; 3:11; 4:7-10; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:13-22; 2:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Hebrews 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 7:14-28; 9:12-15,24-28; 12:2; 13:8; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 3:22; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:2; 4:14-15; 5:9; 2 John 7-9; Revelation 1:13-16; 5:9-14; 12:10-11; 13:8; 19:16.

C. God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls men to the Saviour, and effects regeneration. At the moment of regeneration He baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the guarantee that God will bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

Genesis 1:2; Judges 14:6; Job 26:13; Psalms 51:11; 139:7ff.; Isaiah 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Matthew 1:18; 3:16; 4:1; 12:28-32; 28:19; Mark 1:10,12; Luke 1:35; 4:1,18-19; 11:13; 12:12; 24:49; John 4:24; 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4,38; 4:31; 5:3; 6:3; 7:55; 8:17,39; 10:44; 13:2; 15:28; 16:6; 19:1-6; Romans 8:9-11,14-16,26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14; 3:16; 12:3-11,13; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; 1 Timothy 3:16; 4:1; 2 Timothy 1:14; 3:16; Hebrews 9:8,14; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 John 4:13; 5:6-7; Revelation 1:10; 22:17.

MAN

Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Genesis 1:26-30; 2:5,7,18-22; 3; 9:6; Psalms 1; 8:3-6; 32:1-5; 51:5; Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 17:5; Matthew 16:26; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18,23; 5:6,12,19; 6:6; 7:14-25; 8:14-18,29; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; 15:19,21-22; Ephesians 2:1-22; Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11.

SALVATION

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

A. Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace.

Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Saviour.

B. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.

C. Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.

D. Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

Genesis 3:15; Exodus 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matthew 1:21; 4:17; 16:21-26; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; 17:17; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; Romans 1:16-18; 2:4; 3:23-25; 4:3ff.; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10,13; 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,30; 6:19-20; 15:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 5:22-25; 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-22; 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:9-22; 3:1ff.; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 9:24-28; 11:1-12:8,14; James 2:14-26; 1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Revelation 3:20; 21:1-22:5.

GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is the glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, and bring reproach on the cause of Christ and temporal judgments on themselves; yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-8; 1 Samuel 8:4-7,19-22; Isaiah 5:1-7; Jeremiah 31:31ff.; Matthew 16:18-19; 21:28-45; 24:22,31; 25:34; Luke 1:68-79; 2:29-32; 19:41-44; 24:44-48; John 1:12-14; 3:16; 5:24; 6:44-45,65; 10:27-29; 15:16; 17:6,12,17-18; Acts 20:32; Romans 5:9-10; 8:28-39; 10:12-15; 11:5-7,26-36; 1 Corinthians 1:1-2; 15:24-28; Ephesians 1:4-23; 2:1-10; 3:1-11; Colossians 1:12-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 2 Timothy 1:12; 2:10,19; Hebrews 11:39-12:2; James 1:12; 1 Peter 1:2-5,13; 2:4-10; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:19; 3:2.

THE CHURCH

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. Each congregation operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic processes. In such a congregation each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture.

The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.

Matthew 16:15-19; 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-42,47; 5:11-14; 6:3-6; 13:1-3; 14:23,27; 15:1-30; 16:5; 20:28; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 3:16; 5:4-5; 7:17; 9:13-14; 12; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 3:8-11,21; 5:22-32; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 2:9-14; 3:1-15; 4:14; Hebrews 11:39-40; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Revelation 2-3; 21:2-3.

BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

Matthew 3:13-17; 26:26-30; 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11; 14:22-26; Luke 3:21-22; 22:19-20; John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42; 8:35-39; 16:30-33; 20:7; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 10:16,21; 11:23-29; Colossians 2:12.

EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-6; Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 9:37-38; 10:5-15; 13:18-30, 37-43; 16:19; 22:9-10; 24:14; 28:18-20; Luke 10:1-18; 24:46-53; John 14:11-12; 15:7-8,16; 17:15; 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2; 8:26-40; 10:42-48; 13:2-3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 3:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:8; 2 Timothy 4:5; Hebrews 2:1-3; 11:39-12:2; 1 Peter 2:4-10; Revelation 22:17.

THE FAMILY

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.

Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race.

The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation.

Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents.

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-25; 3:1-20; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 24:15; 1 Samuel 1:26-28; Psalms 51:5; 78:1-8; 127; 128; 139:13-16; Proverbs 1:8; 5:15-20; 6:20-22; 12:4; 13:24; 14:1; 17:6; 18:22; 22:6,15; 23:13-14; 24:3; 29:15,17; 31:10-31; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 9:9; Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 5:31-32; 18:2-5; 19:3-9; Mark 10:6-12; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Timothy 5:8,14; 2 Timothy 1:3-5; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7.

ADDITIONAL DOCTRINE INFORMATION
BAPTIST FAITH AND MESSAGE (2000)



CONVERSION & BAPTISM

WHAT IS CONVERSION?

Conversion is a U-turn in a person's life. It is completely turning away from one's sin and to Christ for salvation. From idol worship to God worship. From self-justification to Christ's justification. From self-rule to God's rule.

CONVERSION IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GOD AWAKENS THOSE WHO ARE SPIRITUALLY DEAD AND ENABLES THEM TO REPENT OF THEIR SIN AND HAVE FAITH IN CHRIST.

- When Jesus calls us to repent and believe, He's calling us to conversion. It's a radical change in what we believe and do. (Mark 1:15)
- When Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow Him, He's calling us to conversion. (Luke 9:23)
- In order for us to repent, God must give us new life, new hearts, and faith. (Eph. 2:1, Rom. 6:17, Col. 2:13, Ezek. 36:26, Eph. 2:8, 2 Tim. 2:25)

WHAT CONVERSION IS NOT:

1. A ONE TIME EVENT WITH NO IMPLICATIONS FOR HOW WE LIVE

Conversion does happen at one moment, and it is a moment of radical change. Life should look different thereafter. A new battle begins.

2. A JOURNEY WITH NO DESTINATION

Conversion may be preceded by a long process for some, but it always involves a committed decision to repent of sin and trust in Christ, which is the immediate result of God giving new life to a spiritually dead sinner.

3. OPTIONAL

Acts 17:30 says that God commands all people everywhere to repent. Conversion can never be forced, but it is absolutely necessary in order to be saved.

4. A CONVERSATION

While Christians should communicate the Gospel humbly, our goal is not merely a pleasant exchange of information. We must call everyone to repent of their sin and trust in Christ for salvation.

5. SAYING A FORMULAIC PRAYER

Conversion certainly involves praying, but we must be careful not to tempt people toward placing their trust in a special set of words.

WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE SET BY CHRIST

"In those days, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John." Mark 1:9

CHRIST COMMANDED BAPTISM

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

IT IS A DEMONSTRATION OF MY WILLINGNESS TO OBEY CHRIST

"This is how we are sure that we have come to know Him: by keeping His commands." 1 John 2:3

WHAT DOES BAPTISM MEAN?

IT ILLUSTRATES CHRIST BURIAL AND RESURRECTION

"For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures." 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

"Having been buried with Him in baptism, you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead." Colossians 2:12

IT ILLUSTRATES MY NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come." 2 Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore we were buried with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in a new way of life." Romans 6:4

WHY DO WE BAPTIZE LIKE WE DO?

JESUS BAPTIZED THAT WAY

"After Jesus was baptized, He went up immediately from the water. The heavens suddenly opened for Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on Him." Matthew 3:16

EVERY BAPTISM IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WAS BY IMMERSION

"Then he ordered the chariot to stop, and both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him any longer. But he went on his way rejoicing." Acts 8:38-39



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*by providing your email and phone number, you agree to receive emails and text messages from The Glade Church.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT THE GLADE?

_____ Yes

_____ Not yet, we are visiting other churches

_____ Not at this time

ARE YOU IN A GROUP? YES OR NO (circle one)

IS THERE A MINISTRY AREA YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SERVING IN?

(circle one or more selections if interested)

Preschool

First Impressions

Childrens

Safety

Middle School

Production

High School

Worship

