

6. The parents answer the Pastor's question:

"We do."

If there is more than one child to be baptized, the parents answer this question in unison.

7. The Pastor asks the parents another question:

"What is the Christian name of this child?"

8. The father answers the Pastor's question:

"(First, Middle, and Last name of the child.)"

9. The Pastor either takes the child in his arms or leaves the child in the arms of the father.

If the Pastor hasn't had much experience in handling children, he should leave the child in the arms of the father.

10. The Pastor gently dips the fingers of his right hand into the font (or, bowl) containing the water, and lightly placing them on the head of the child, says the following words:

"(First, Middle, and Last Name of the child), I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

11. The Pastor goes through steps 7-10 with each child.

12. The Pastor prays.

13. The Pastor leads the congregation in an appropriate hymn, during which the parents return to their seats and the Pastor returns to the pulpit. The congregation remains seated.

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G. Baptismal Certificate

The Pastor should give a Baptismal Certificate to the parents of each child he baptizes. A good certificate to use is one entitled "Certificate of Baptism." It can be obtained at most Christian Bookstores.

H. Baptismal Record

The Pastor should keep a record of each child he baptizes. This record should include the full name (First, Middle, and Last) of the child, the name of the child's father, ^{the date of the child's birth,} the date of the child's baptism, and the child's residence.