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Dear Parents:

We rejoice with you over the decision your child has made to become part of the First Baptist Church family. Joining a church family includes expectations and following through on your decision. Carefully read the rest of this letter to find out the next steps:

Step 1: BAPTISM*



If your child made the decision to trust Christ through profession of faith (and has come forward to make that decision public during the decision time), the next step is baptism. (Children in grade 2 and younger are required to complete the New Believers Class prior to being baptized.*)** Being baptized is an expression of his/her faith and commitment to Christ. Even though baptism is not the reason for your child's salvation and does not make your child a Christian, it is a way of publicly demonstrating his/her faith in Jesus Christ. We encourage you to encourage your child to complete his/her relationship with Jesus Christ through baptism. We baptize each Sunday at the beginning of our 6:00 p.m. service. If he/she is ready to be baptized, all you need to do is come to the Welcome Center in the Atrium of the new Worship Center at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday evening. Someone from the Baptism Committee will be there to meet you, give you instructions, and escort you and your child to the baptistery. You will need to bring a hair brush or comb, and a fresh change of undergarments for your child. Baptistery clothing, robe, hair dryer, towel, etc. are provided for you. **Please call me to let me know if you plan to bring your child for evening baptism (723-2764, ext. 2056).**

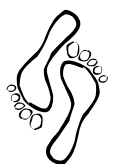
In the baptistery of the new Worship Center, there is a family viewing section immediately behind the baptistery where family members will be able to observe their loved one being baptized. Please invite your family to share in this special event. Be sure to have them accompany you to the Welcome Center at 5:30 p.m. and someone from the baptism committee will escort all of you to the baptistery.

Step 2: New Believers Class for Children



We believe it is important for children to grow in their faith, knowledge, and understanding. New Believers Class is our way of helping children learn about our church, our beliefs, what God has gifted them to do, and what joys are awaiting them as they fulfill their purpose in the family of faith at First Baptist. Important topics include what it means to be a Christian, how to grow in our faith, the importance of Baptism and the meaning of the Lord's Supper. **We offer the New Believers Class for children on a regular basis and will send you a letter about the upcoming class.** If he/she has already attended New Believers Class before he/she joined First Baptist, he/she does not need to attend the class again.

Step 3: L.I.F.E. GROUPS



A key ingredient in your child's experience at First Baptist Church is not only attendance in our worship services, but also participation in a L.I.F.E Group. L.I.F.E. Groups are a way we ensure personal ministry to the members of First Baptist Church. L.I.F.E. Groups are where children experience relationships with other children their own age in our church family.

- LIFE Groups are designed to make Bible stories come alive each week as children learn to use God's Word as the guideline for their lives. **(Sunday Mornings at 9:15 & 10:50/Kid Zone)**
- The activities are fun and help children apply Bible truths to their lives right now!
- It is in LIFE Groups that each child is assigned to a LIFE Group Leader for individual ministry to his/her needs and that of his/her family.

Enclosed is a brochure with information on our Preschool & Children's Ministry or check us out online at children.fbcwf.org. If I can help you or your child in any way, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Sherrie Carter