

***Policy on Child Baptism***  
***Frisco Community Bible Church***

**1. The Meaning of Water Baptism**

- a. Water baptism is not administered for the remission of sins. The blood of Jesus Christ alone cleanses our sins. Thus water baptism does not affect salvation: it assumes that salvation has already taken place; and it symbolizes that salvation (Eph. 1:7; 1 John 1:7; Rom. 6:2-4).
- b. Water baptism is a public declaration by the believer (before God, men, angels, and Satan) of his identification with Christ in a spiritual death (to sin), burial, and resurrection. Thus, in the ordinance of baptism, the believer declares that he had abandoned his old way of life for a new way of life – a sanctified one (Rom. 6:1-4).
- c. In the Great Commission, the command to baptize is conditioned on one's first becoming a disciple. Thus baptism is also a declaration by the believer that he is committed to become a disciple of Christ (Matt. 28:19).

**2. Policy on Child Baptism**

- a. As a general rule, we (FCBC) do not baptize children that are younger than 12 years old or in elementary school for the following reasons:
  - While we believe that children before that age can understand the meaning of salvation and profess their faith in Christ, we do not believe all can grasp the meaning of becoming a disciple of Christ.
  - When a child truly professes faith in Christ, he is saved and has eternal life. In other words, baptism is not the means through which salvation is secured (that is, it is not regenerative).
  - It is hard to discern whether a child truly understands the Gospel or not. A child may not be able to articulate what they believe and share their personal testimony.
- b. Request to baptize children before age 12 will be considered on an individual basis.
- c. Approval from parents/legal guardians will be required on all applications for baptism from children under 18 years of age.

## ***Policy on Child Baptism Exception--Appendix A:***

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For those candidates who are under 12, Point 2 (b) of FCBC Policy on Child Baptism states  
“Request to baptize children before age 12 will be considered on an individual basis.”

The process is as follows:

1. For those candidates that are under 12, the church will provide a children’s baptism position paper. We will ask the parents to read this paper thoroughly and decide whether their child is ready for baptism.
2. If the parents approve the baptism, candidates under 12 will take an oral and written exam. If the candidate passes the exam, he/she will attend baptism class.
3. Baptism class could last for two to three months.
4. Those candidates under 12 who pass the exam and complete the baptism class will be baptized once a year on Easter Sunday only.
5. The pastoral staff will assess the candidates in an ongoing basis throughout the baptism class. If the pastoral staff has doubt that the candidate truly understands the Gospel or has put their faith in Christ then the baptism can be canceled.