

Milestone Ministry: Baptismal Bags

Purpose: To provide tangible and useful tools for parents in passing faith on to their child as a sign of support from their church family

Basics

1. We maintain a stock of the bags and contents listed below.
2. Parents desiring baptism for their child(ren) schedule a meeting with a pastor. The service, the commitments they are making and other pertinent details are covered. This information is recorded on a form for church records.
3. Member who embroiders baptismal bags is notified with the name and date of child to be baptized. Bag is embroidered with child's name, the date of the baptism, and a symbol of baptism. When completed, the bag is returned to church office.
4. Milestone Ministry team member places the appropriate items in the bag. The bag is given to a pastor.
5. The day of the baptism, the baptismal bag is presented to the family as a gift from their church family to support them in fulfilling the commitments they made to teach their child faith in Jesus Christ.

Baptismal Bag: heavy, cotton cloth bag with handles, large enough to hold the items below (Member with a Bernina computerized sewing machine now embroiders these for us. Prior to that, we paid a local embroidery shop for this.)

Contents

- ✠ Child's story or picture Bible (age-appropriate): We use The Beginner's Bible from Mission City Press or The Young Reader's Bible from Standard Publishing
- ✠ Welcome Water from Augsburg Fortress (for parents)
- ✠ A Splash of Welcome Water from Augsburg Fortress (baptism book for children)
- ✠ Water, Come Down! By Walter Wangerin, Jr. from Augsburg Fortress
- ✠ The Godparent Book by Elaine Ramshaw from Liturgy Training Publications (if there are godparents)
- ✠ Handmade quilt (approximately 3 feet square; simple with bright colors); a square containing the child's name, date & place of baptism is added
- ✠ Sometimes sun catchers, bookmarks or baptism cards made by Sunday School children are also included.