Baptism

All Christian churches practice baptism because it is so clearly taught and emphasized in the New Testament. However, there are two different interpretations within the larger Christian community. One we might call "infant baptism", the other "believer's baptism". At AIC we practice believers' baptism.



Who should be baptized?

Those who have made a <u>personal decision</u> to repent and believe that Jesus Christ is God's son and that he died for our sins on the cross of Calvary. (Acts 2:38, 41;18:8)

Baptism is not a badge that you need to earn, it is not about feeling worthy. Rather, it is a starting point for the Christian. Baptism is an initiation, not a graduation.

What is baptism? Baptism is ...

- ... an act of identification with Christ (Romans 6:1-13; Colossians 2:12-15)
- ... an act of **obedience** to Christ (Matthew 28:19)
- ... an act of initiation into the family of God, the church of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:40-47)
- ... an act of **confession** of our faith to the world (Matthew 10:32)

What does baptism symbolize?

Baptism symbolizes <u>our death to sin</u>. Just as Christ was buried in a tomb and later rose again, so our baptism symbolizes our "death" to a life of sin (as we go under the water) and our rising to a new life with Christ as our Saviour and Leader (as we come up out of the water).

Why do we baptize?

- •Because Jesus was baptized. (Matthew 3:13-17)
- •Because Jesus told us to! (Matthew 28:18-20)
- •Because it was the practice of the first Christians, the New Testament Church. (Acts 2:38-41; 8:12; 8:36-39; 10:47-48, etc.)
- •Because it outwardly affirms an inner transaction. (Romans 10:9-10)





The online Audio Bible Contest (ABC) 2.0 by
Faith Comes By Hearing (FCBH) Asia
is going to be held on July 23.

Youth and children aged 7-18 are encouraged to join
and stand a chance to win in
the Grand Finale with international contestants from
Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore and Vietnam!

AIC and CAIS Present Summer Basketball Camp

We are incredibly thankful for the Basketball Camp is back this year. The basketball camp is a safe space for students to have time away from study, build meaningful and lasting relationships with other teens and adult leaders, and have chances to refine their skills and be confident with their bodies. This camp is suitable for children in grades 5 to 9. We are inviting AIC men or women who can help to join as volunteers or coaches.

Date: 19 July - 3 August 2022 (Tuesdays & Wednesdays)

Time: 1400-1800

Age: Grades 5-6 & 7-9

Venue: CAISBV, Lai Chi Kok

Cost: \$2,000 per youth

(includes basketball skills training, games, a

tournament, T-shirt, awards, and more)

If you have further questions,

you may email Coach Isaiah Gorres (isaiahisaiah492@gmail.com) or

Coach Doug Wallace (doug@aic.org.hk).



Join us for extended praise and prayer on Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm. This is a special time we set apart at AIC to seek the LORD in unity for the ministry of AIC and other needs.

This Wednesday, the first Wednesday of each month is the designated evening to pray on behalf of the church focusing on our move to CAIS.

As bodies of Christ, we invite you to pray with us. All ages and alumni are welcome to join!

You can come and go as your schedule allows.

The Zoom meeting ID is 893 3618 8104 and Password 114410

