



happy baptism birthday!

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We all have a birthday, the day we were born.
On this day we eat cake and wrapping paper is torn.

But, if we were baptized we also celebrate
another kind of birthday... this one is also GREAT!

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On our baptism birthday our baptism we remember.
It could have been a Sunday in March or a Saturday in
December.

Perhaps you were a baby so tiny and small?
To be baptized you can be any age at all!

MY AGE AT BAPTISM:

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Or maybe it was last year when you were baptized.
God's love and grace welcomes us all through our
lives.

At baptism we celebrate God's love we call GRACE.
This love is a gift that follows us all over the place!

GRACE: GOD'S LOVE THAT SURROUNDS ALL PEOPLE. GOD'S GRACE GOES
BEFORE US, CLEANSSES US FROM SIN, AND HELPS US TO GROW IN LOVE.

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Our story, once only ours, becomes part of God's story of love.

When we're baptized, our story joins God's up above.

When we're baptized, water is blessed and then sprinkled, dunked, or poured.

We remember and read about the baptism of Jesus our Lord.

MATTHEW 3:13-17

MARK 1:1-11

LUKE 3:1-22

JOHN 1:1-34

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Your pastor said "I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit"

It was a special day at church for all who were there to hear it.

Some baptisms take place in a church with a fancy FONT.

Or maybe you were dunked at the beach surrounded by grandmothers, uncles and aunts.

FONT: A CONTAINER USED FOR WATER IN BAPTISM

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Baptism is all about cleaning us up from our sins.

It's a bath that happens for our hearts deep within.

When we are baptized something special takes place.

We are given a gift of God's wonderful grace.

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We don't need to do anything! Baptism is a sign of God's grace that's been working on us the whole time.

We're given God's grace which calls us and helps us to grow.

Grace is love that guides us and helps know which way to go.

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If you've been baptized once, you don't need it again.
Because God always loves you, despite any sin.

On our baptism birthday we remember when we were
welcomed into the church.

Go look up your special day. It is well worth the
search!

THE DATE & PLACE OF MY BAPTISM WAS:

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At baptism we begin our journey as part of the church.
Our family gets bigger as we join God's family of faith
all over the earth.

When we are older it will be time for CONFIRMATION.

When we're ready to say faith is our life's
destination.

CONFIRMATION: A SPECIAL DAY OF COMMITMENT TO FAITH

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At that time we say yes to our baptism that happened
long ago.

We'll become members of the church as our love for God
continues to grow.

So, celebrate your baptism birthday with flair!

Remember the special day and talk about who was
there.

PEOPLE AT MY BAPTISM:

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Put up decorations. Look at pictures. Maybe have a
special lunch.

Sing Happy Baptism Birthday! Enjoy cake and punch.

Whatever you choose to do to celebrate...

Remember you are loved beyond measure by a God who is
great!

HAPPY BAPTISM BIRTHDAY!

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