**Rooted in Baptism**

**An ordinance is something that we feel very strongly that Jesus by His words instructed instructed or ordained us to do.**

**An Evangelical Protestant is one who simply believes that the scriptures reveal we are saved and justified by our faith alone.**

**As Christians we can wholeheartedly disagree about issues related to baptism and communion, but we cannot let them divide us.**

***-We believe in the only true God has existed eternally in three persons***
***-We believe in Jesus Christ; that He is very God and man***
***-We believe in the Holy Spirit; that He is equal in being with the Father and the Son, and that He comforts the faithful, and guides them into all truth.***
***-We believe in a holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.***

***-We believe that the Holy Bible (both Old and New Testaments) is the Word of God.***

***-We also believe that the message of the Holy Scriptures, the fall in Adam and the redemption through Jesus Christ, must be preached throughout the world.***

**We practice what is also known as adult believer baptism.**

***those who received his word were baptized.* Acts 2:41**

***when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.*  Acts 8:12**

**At the Well, we practice Baptism by immersion.**

***9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.* Mark 1:10**

* ***3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.***  **Romans 6:3-4**
* ***12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.* Colossians 2:12**

**Baptism is intended to represent the death of a person’s old way of life and rising to new life in Christ.**

***8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*** **Ephesians 2:8-9**

**Baptism does encourage us in our faith and it is also encouraging for the church body as we witness the joy of people being obedient.**