

PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

Things to Bring

- Wear clothes that are not “see through” and that can get wet
- Dry clothes (outer and undergarments)
- Towel
- Toiletry items (comb, brush, deodorant, and hair dryer if desired)

When to Arrive and Where to Meet

Arrive at least 30 minutes before the service and meet in Pastor Michael's office on the second floor, adjacent to the balcony or in the Student Ministries Office on the main floor (to be determined). Ladies change in the downstairs room behind the platform. Men take turns using a room off the hallway behind the platform.

Procedure

1. The pastor will call you to the baptistery and introduce you
2. You give your salvation testimony
3. Brief baptism profession questions asked by the pastor
4. You receive the ordinance of baptism!

Baptism Profession Questions

- “First and last name... do you believe that God the Father sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to this world to live a sinless and perfect life, die on the Cross, and rise again on the third day, so that all who place their full trust in Him would be forgiven of their sin and given eternal life with God?” (Yes I do)
- “Have you placed your personal faith in Jesus Christ alone for forgiveness of sin, and new, eternal life with Him?” (Yes I have)
- “Do you now purpose to live as a devoted follower of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, and live in the hope of Christ's return?” (Yes I do)
- Then “First and last name”, on the basis of your profession of faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ, I now baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

(“...buried with Him in the likeness of His death, raised to walk in newness of life.”)
(optional)

A QUICK SUMMARY OF BAPTISM

Baptism by Immersion Follows Salvation...

1. The Biblical word for “baptize” means to dip or immerse.
2. Examples of baptism
 - Jesus - Matthew 3:16, This was Jesus’ first public act of His ministry.
 - First century Christians - Acts 2:41
 - The Ethiopian Man - Acts 8:35-39
 - Apostle Paul - Acts 9:18
 - Philippian jailor & family - Acts 16:29-33
 - Corinthian believers - Acts 18:8
3. Baptism is a testimony.
 - It’s a public, visible testimony that a believer has become a born again Christian.
4. Baptism is a symbol.
 - It symbolizes the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Romans 6:1-4)
5. Baptism is a command.
 - It’s not just an option. Being baptized in the name of our Triune God is an act of joy-filled obedience in love to the God who has saved us. (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:38; 10:44-48)