



Cape Bible Chapel

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# Baptism

## at Cape Bible Chapel





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We rejoice with those who desire to follow Christ's example in Scripture of baptism by immersion. We recognize baptism as an outward expression of an inward commitment and surrender to Christ as Lord and Savior (Romans 6:1-5). It is a symbol of our death to sin and our new birth through the Holy Spirit. It is not a means of salvation, but rather a way to publicly identify as one redeemed and an expression of obedience and the desire to be held accountable to biblical standards.

Underlying a person's baptism request should be a belief in and an acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. One must understand and should be able to articulate:

- Man's problem (Romans 3:23)
- The consequences (Romans 6:23a)
- The solution (Romans 6:23b; Romans 5:8)
- How to receive the solution (Romans 10:13)
- How to be sure (1 John 5:13)
- His or her own salvation experience (when and how did it occur?)

When sure and clear of his or her salvation and desiring to be baptized as a step of obedience and as a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, then a baptism may be scheduled.

Please take a few minutes to complete the "Sharing Your Testimony" worksheet on the next pages. Once completed, there are just a few more steps to follow.

1. Return your written testimony to The Chapel (you can bring it by the office, hand it to an elder or pastor, or simply place in an offering box)
2. We will contact you to schedule a meeting with one of our elders or pastors to discuss your desire to be baptized.
3. We encourage you to share your testimony via a pre-recorded video. This is not required, but it is a great tool for sharing your faith story with the church body. Our Worship Pastor will schedule a time to record a testimony video if you choose.
4. A date will be set to be baptized
5. After the service, The Chapel body will have a chance to meet you in the lobby and we will take your photo to use in our online and paper publications to introduce you.



## Helpful Information

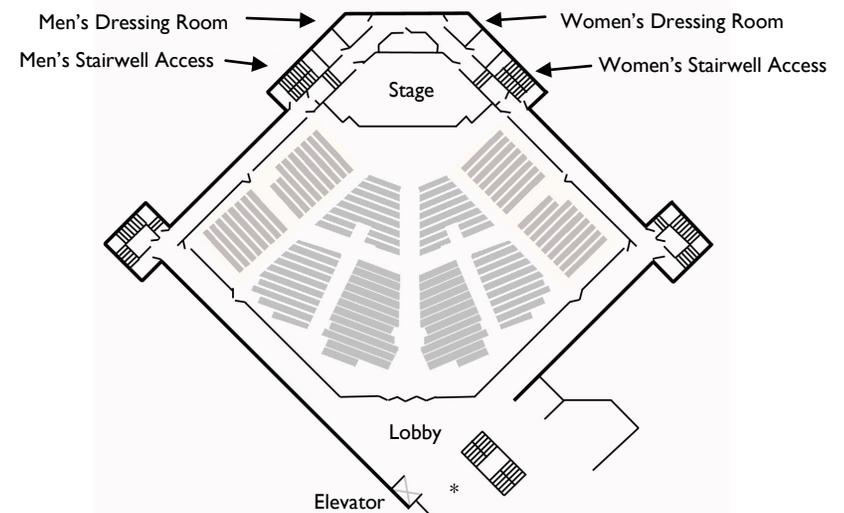
The date and timing of your testimony video (if applicable) and baptism will be communicated to you by our Worship Pastor.

There are men's and women's dressing rooms and restrooms behind the baptistery on the second floor. These are accessible by the stairwells on either side of the worship center near the stage. (See map below)

The baptismal tub is filled with heated water and is accessible by a few stairs.

Please bring a set of clothes and a bag to place the wet items in after the baptism. A dark solid t-shirt and shorts work well. Towels are provided for your convenience.

You will be invited to exit the worship center after the message (*during the final worship song*) to be present in the lobby after the service (*near the main stairwell across from the elevator\**). This allows members of The Chapel body to meet you and encourage you in your decision to be baptized. Before you leave, we will ask to take your picture to allow us to introduce you in our online and paper publications.





# Sharing your testimony

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In Mark chapter 5, after Jesus commanded evil spirits to leave a man, Jesus refuses to allow the man to accompany him further. Instead, he tells the man, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” (Mark 5:19)

Take time to clearly identify the steps that led you to place your faith and trust in Jesus. For some these steps were gradual, perhaps taking many years. Others may have a specific moment in which they realized their sin and need for Him. Sharing your testimony is important not only as a testament of your own personal faith, but also as an encouragement to other believers - that God is still at work - and as a witness to unbelievers - that they will learn of the gift of God’s grace through your words.

We encourage you to model your testimony after the apostle Paul in Acts chapter 26 using the following three categories:

## MY LIFE BEFORE CHRIST

*Briefly describe your life before you acknowledged Jesus. In what did you seek to find happiness or security? What were your desires or goals?*

## CONVERSION EXPERIENCE

*Describe how or from whom you first heard or understood the Gospel. How were you convicted of your sin? What led you to see your need for a Savior? How does Christ meet this need in your life?*

## MY LIFE AFTER CHRIST

*What changes do you see or feel in your life since you accepted Christ? What are your desires or goals now?*

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Name	Date
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Phone	Email