

What to bring to your Baptism

- White shirt and dark pants to wear while being baptized.
Women - we have white robes for you to wear over this.
- Pair of tennis shoes or white socks to wear while being baptized. You may prefer to go "barefoot."
- Complete change of clothing to wear after you are baptized
- Towel
- Hair dryer if needed
- Gym bag to put wet clothing in
- If you would like to share your testimony, we suggest writing it down so you can read from it or have it available as a back-up. Otherwise, the pastor will help you by asking simple questions to guide you in sharing your faith in Christ.

The Pastor baptizing you will...

- Let you know what time to arrive before the service
- Inform you how he will baptize you, where to stand, etc.
- Guide you as you present your testimony, either with questions or allowing you to share your prepared testimony

Remember...

Jesus commanded baptism. He, Himself, was baptized and believers in the early church were baptized by immersion.

If you have questions or feel you are ready for this step of faith and would like to talk about it further, please contact one of the pastors.

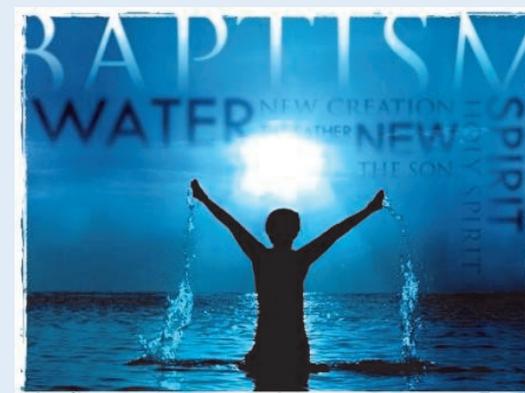
They would be delighted to meet with you.

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Answers to your questions about

Baptism



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Why should a person be Baptized?

- Jesus was baptized.
Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11
- Jesus commanded it.
Matthew 28:18-20
- Jesus practiced it.
John 4:1-2
- The early church practiced it.
Acts 2:37-41; 8:36-38

When should a person be Baptized?

Following a commitment to Jesus as Savior and Master.

- Acts 2:41
They who accepted His Word were baptized.
- Acts 8:12
When they believed...they were baptized.
- Acts 18:8
And many of the Corinthians who heard believed and were baptized.

No one was baptized until he/she had intelligently received the plan of salvation offered in the Gospel. Baptism in no instance preceded acceptance of Christ as Savior.

What does Baptism mean?

Like communion, baptism is a symbol of spiritual truth.

Baptism identifies us as a follower of Jesus Christ. At His baptism, Jesus identified with the ministry of John the Baptist, who was the forerunner of the Messiah. Jesus also was identified by John as he proclaimed Him to be the “Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.” John 1:29

God identified Jesus as His Son at His baptism when a dove descended and God spoke, “*This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.*” Matthew 2:17

Baptism for Jesus was a special time of identification. Baptism for us is also a time of identification — identifying with Jesus Christ and identifying ourselves as followers of Jesus Christ.

Baptism pictures the death and resurrection of Christ as well as the death of our old nature and our new life in Jesus. Romans 6:1-4

Why do we practice Baptism by immersion?

Describing the Baptism of Jesus the Scriptures say, “*and immediately coming up out of the water.*”

Matthew 3:16

In Acts 8:38-39, baptism is described as going down into the water and coming up out of the water.

Immersion best fits how the Scriptures describe baptism.

The phrases “*coming up out of*” and “*went down into*” seem to picture immersion.

Immersion best pictures the meaning of baptism described in Romans 6:1-4.

The laying of the person under the water pictures our death with Christ and of our old nature.

The raising of the person pictures the resurrection to new life.

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 6:4