

## Going Public Information Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you believe you are going to heaven? Why do you believe that?**

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**Please state briefly how and when you accepted Christ as your Savior:**

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**Why do you want to get baptized? Have you been baptized before (since becoming a follower of Jesus)?**

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**Baptism is a public profession and symbolizes a death to our old life and our receiving a new life through Christ. Although everyone getting baptized is a sinner; life in Christ should be seen in our daily life. Is your lifestyle reflective of your life in Christ?**

Yes                      No                      I would like to speak to someone

Please select one:

I am ready to schedule my baptism. (We can talk further about available dates.)

I need to speak to someone before I am ready to schedule my baptism.

We will contact you soon for a quick phone interview and your Going Public date so you can invite friends and family! You can drop off this form at the office or email it to [millcreek@thecreekonline.net](mailto:millcreek@thecreekonline.net).

## **What We Believe About Baptism**

The Bible is very clear in instructing believers to follow the example of Jesus in being baptized by water. While we believe that baptism does not save a person or enhance their position in Christ, it does give an outward sign, a testimony to all, of what Christ has done in an individual's heart. Baptism is something we require for membership at MCMC

## **How Does Mill Creek Baptize People?**

We practice baptism by immersion. We believe that the symbolism of being buried with Christ is best manifested by complete immersion (Romans 6:4).

## **Should I be Re-baptized if I was Baptized by another Means?**

The important issue is that you were baptized as a believer. Every scriptural reference is to a believer's baptism. The means by which you were baptized is secondary to experiencing baptism as a believer. If you have not been baptized as a believer we would encourage you to do so at the next opportunity.

## **When do Baptisms take Place at Mill Creek?**

As soon as you want! Through the generous donations of the members of the Mill Creek family, we have the opportunity to baptize anyone, at any time. Just let us know when you are ready and after scheduling your video interview, we will schedule your Going Public date!

## **Who is Eligible for Baptism?**

Anyone who is a believer in Jesus Christ and gives evidence of the genuine salvation is eligible for baptism.

## **How Old Must a Person be to be Baptized?**

A minimum age for one to be baptized is determined by a number of factors. These include:

1. Permission and recommendation by the parents.
2. Completion of a pre-baptismal information meeting with one of the pastoral staff.
3. Recommendation of the pastor/children's ministry team.
4. The ability to understand the meaning and symbolism of baptism. While children can often easily understand salvation, many fail to understand the symbolism and significance of baptism. The ages of 8-10 years old seems to be a good measuring stick for truly understanding the meaning of baptism.

## **Do I Need to Attend a Class if I want to be Baptized?**

While you are not required to attend a class if you are of High School age or older, someone from Mill Creek would love to personally meet with each candidate to hear his/her story and become better acquainted.

## **What Should I do if I want to be Baptized?**

The first step is to complete the above Going Public information form and return it to the church office. Following the Lord in water baptism is a natural part of our walk with Jesus and our desire to be identified with him. If you have not had the wonderful privilege of following Jesus' command to be baptized, we encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience.

## **Why a video? Do I have to do one?**

Yes, if you would like to be baptized in one of our main services. The important thing is to have a plan for how you're going to share your story with others through your baptism, because we believe that everyone who has placed their faith in Jesus Christ has a story worth sharing. We will walk you through and help you tell your story well!