

## **FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)**

### Baptism at Culver Palms

While Culver Palms' "A Statement on Baptism"\* gives a more detailed explanation of the meaning of baptism, here are some responses to frequently asked questions about baptism at Culver Palms. You can also ask one of our ministers or shepherds if you have further questions.

#### **Q: When can I be baptized?**

A: Someone desiring baptism can be baptized at any time. We are encouraging people who desire to be baptized to consider Sunday, June 2.

#### **Q: How old must I be to be baptized?**

A: You must be old enough to have a basic understanding of what God has done in Christ Jesus for you and be able to make a commitment of faith.

#### **Q: Do I need to be baptized again if I was baptized as a baby?**

A: Each person must ultimately decide this for themselves. Culver Palms affirms that baptism is a decision and commitment that each person must make.

#### **Q: How much do I need to know about baptism in order to be baptized?**

A: You can gain a basic understanding by reading Culver Palms' "A Statement on Baptism" and/or listening to the sermons on baptism on May 19 and May 26, 2019. The sermons will also be posted at [www.culverpalms.org](http://www.culverpalms.org).

#### **Q: Do I have to say anything when I'm baptized?**

A: It is our practice to ask each person requesting baptism to verbally answer the questions, if they believe that Jesus is God's Son and Messiah and if they are ready to make him the Lord of their life.

#### **Q: Why am I baptized in a pool of water rather than sprinkled?**

A: The Greek (The New Testament is written in koine Greek) word for baptism literally means immersion. The New Testament refers to baptism as a burial (Romans 6), a new birth (I Peter 1:3), and a washing (Titus 3:5) all of which implies a lot of water.

#### **Q: What do I wear when I am baptized?**

A: We have clothes you can put on to be baptized. You can also bring a bathing suit. We have private changing rooms next to the baptistry. We will have towels ready for you to dry off with afterwards.

#### **Q: How am I actually baptized?**

A: One of our ministers or someone of your choosing will guide you through the process.

**Q: Do I have to be baptized to be a participant at Culver Palms?**

A: In order to be a “full participant” one needs to be baptized. However, this does not mean one cannot participate in various roles at Culver Palms. We hope that everyone feels loved and cared for at Culver Palms.

\*“A Statement on Baptism” can be found on the welcome table in the church foyer and also on the Culver Palms Church website [www.culverpalms.org](http://www.culverpalms.org) under the resources/study resources section.