

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism declares to everyone your decision to follow Jesus; that through His death and resurrection, Jesus has crucified and buried your old life of sin and raised you to new life in Him.

DOES BAPTISM SAVE YOU?

It doesn't. We're only saved by accepting God's free gift of grace.

WHY GET BAPTIZED?

- It's an opportunity to follow Jesus' example. He was baptized.
- It's an act of obedience. The Bible directs us to be baptized.
- It's an act of worship as you surrender to God's ways.
- It strengthens your faith and serves as a reminder that you've been set free from the power of sin and are made new in Jesus.
- It's a significant point of positioning yourself for God's blessing.

WHEN SHOULD I GET BAPTIZED?

As soon as you decide to believe in Jesus and dedicate your life to Him. We encourage children to be old enough to make their own decision; understanding the implications of baptism beyond the fun of the event.

WHAT IF I WAS BAPTIZED AT ANOTHER CHURCH?

If you were baptized as an infant, that was a special moment based on your parent's decision. It's essential to demonstrate your own faith and dependence on Jesus through baptism. If you were baptized older in life, it's not necessary to be re-baptized, even if you fell away for a time.

WHAT WILL I EXPERIENCE?

Each person's experience is unique to how God created them and what He's doing in their life. Some people feel a sense of freedom, healing, or a touch from the Holy Spirit. Other people may not have any particular emotion, except for a peace in knowing they've done the right thing. Either way, it's all good and it's all God!

PRIOR TO YOUR BAPTISM

It's a big deal to get baptized! Assume your friends and family would like to come watch. Invite them to the service.

BAPTISM DAY!

- Wear dark-colored clothing. Shorts are advised.

We'll provide a dark T-shirt for you to wear over your undergarments. It's yours to keep!

- We'll have a fresh towel available for you to borrow.

- Bring toiletries and a change of clothes to wear home.
- Please check in at the Central Lobby (by the Coffee House) 20-30 minutes before the service.
- The baptism will take place in a warm tank of water. Feel free to hold your nose if you wish.
- Following the baptism, change your clothes and join everyone in the Sanctuary for the rest of the Worship Service.

AFTER THE BAPTISM

- We'll email pictures or video of the event to you.
- Wear your baptism T-shirt frequently and share your baptism photos on social media. These are great ways to initiate conversation about all that God has done in your life.