



# BAPTISM

Information Brochure



## WHAT IS BAPTISM?

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Baptism is the act of a believing Christian who wants to publicly proclaim their personal commitment to Jesus Christ. It symbolizes the washing away of one's old, sinful past and the rising again to life, God's way. The act of baptism can be defined as an outward expression of an inward work.

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## WHAT DOES BAPTISM MEAN?

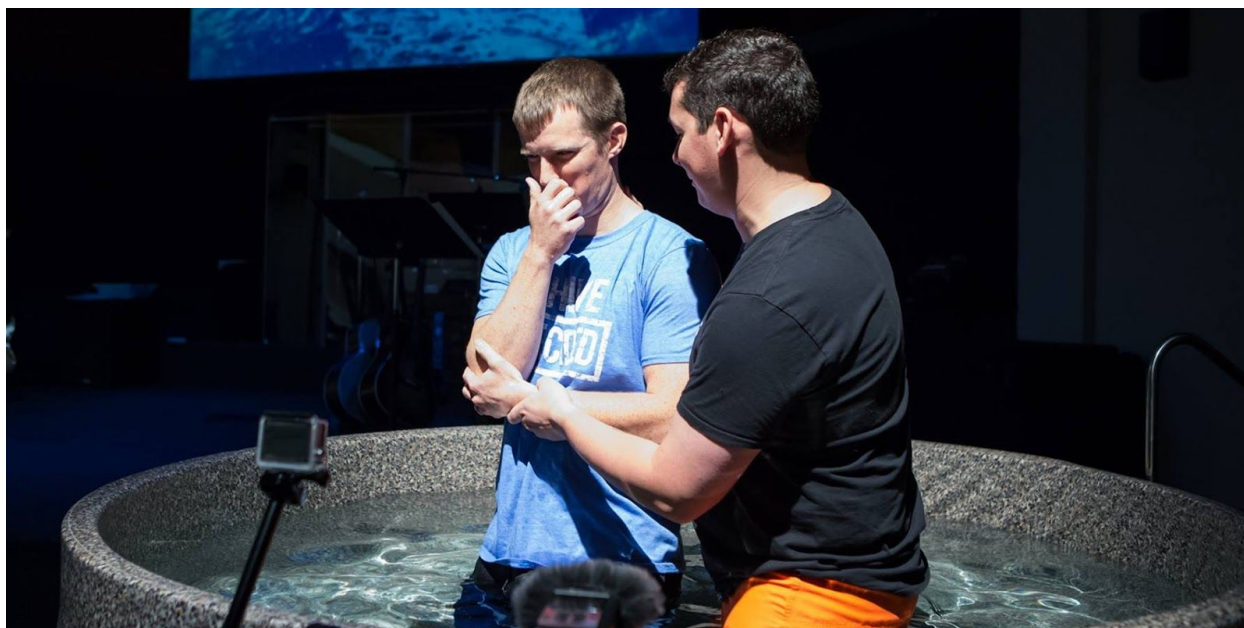
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Baptism illustrates Jesus' burial and resurrection.

*"Christ died for our sins... He was buried... and he rose again." - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

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*"By our baptism then, we were buried with Him and shared his death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead... so also we may live a new life". - Romans 6:3-4*



## WHAT DOES BAPTISM DO?

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Baptism does not make you a Christian. It is a demonstration that you already believe. It is important to understand that baptism does not “save” you. You are “saved” by the grace of God through your faith in Jesus.

*“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not of yourself, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast.”- Ephesians 2:8-9*

## WHY GET BAPTIZED?

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To follow the example of Christ and because Christ commanded it. Water baptism identifies a person as a follower of Christ and is an opportunity to celebrate the passage of an old life into a new life in Christ.

*“... Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river.” - Mark 1:9*

## ON THE MORNING OF YOUR BAPTISM...

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1. Bring a towel and change of clothing.
2. Arrive 20 minutes before the start of the service, a staff member will give you a baptism shirt and go over how the baptism will happen.
3. You can get change in the modular or one of the bathrooms.
4. You will be instructed by the person performing your baptism as to what point in the service you will need to be changed and ready to go.
5. After your baptism you will go back and get changed. It is recommended that you wear dark clothes that are okay to get wet.

## DURING THE SERVICE...

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- The pastor will have you and others being baptized come to the front row of the church. The pastor will ask everyone to stand and read the Apostle's Creed together.
- The pastor will call you forward when it is your time to be baptized. You will take the steps into the baptismal tank where the person baptizing you will be waiting.
- You will be introduced to the congregation by the person baptizing you.
- You will be asked a question like "Do you believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins and do you express a desire to serve him always?"
- The person baptizing you will have you face the side of the tank. They will then come around to the side of you and they will face the congregation.
- They will go down into the water and will come up with the help of the person baptizing you.
- Then you will head back up the steps where you will need to grab a towel and shoes or sandals and make your way back to the modular or bathroom. Depending on weather, you may be able to exit outside and head to the modular.

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