Baptism is a symbol which testifies before God and man of the promise and covenant a person has made in his heart with Jesus. At the same time, there is a very real spiritual work that is accomplished in the waters of baptism (Colossians 2:11-12). Baptism is identifying with Jesus’ death. It is like saying to the Lord Jesus, “Your death is my death—I no longer have to die for my sins (Romans 3:23). Your life is my life—I now have Your eternal life, and I will not die for my sins” (romans 6:23). As you are laid down in the water, you die to your old self. And as you are brought back up out of the water, you experience the new life and resurrection that belong to you through Jesus.

**why be baptized**

**things to remember**

Only those who have committed themselves to Jesus Christ as their Lord, by turning away from sin and trusting in Him, should be baptized. In the Bible, only believers are baptized.

**when to be baptized**

* After you have received Christ as Lord and Savior (Acts 18:8)
* At your first opportunity (Acts 8:35-39; Acts 16:30-34)

*And now, why delay? Get up and be baptized, and have your sins washed away, calling on the name of the Lord.*

Acts 22:15-16 (NLT)

* Invite family and friends who have a significant impact on your life to witness the occasion.

**about the candidate**

Please complete the following information and return this portion to the church office at least one week prior to the baptism service.

Name

Male or Female T-Shirt Size

Date of Birth

Mailing Address

City State ZIP

Email

Phone

Parent/Guardian, if minor

* Arrive early the day of the service and follow the directions of the pastor and/or attendant.
* Baptism is total immersion in water. All participants will wear the provided water baptism t-shirt over your undershirt or t-shirt. Wear dark colored pants or shorts of modest length.
* Bring a bag or backpack with your own towel, a plastic bag for wet clothes, personal grooming items, and a complete change of clothing.
* Observe reverence during the baptism service. The candidate will be asked to make a profession of faith before immersion.
* Capture the special day by designating someone to take photographs or video. Avoid blocking the view of others who are observing.

**thank you**

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We are thrilled that you are deciding to follow the example of Lord Jesus Christ in water baptism.

If you have any questions, please contact our office and we will be glad to assist you.

**our church focus**

* **connect to God**
* **connect to others**
* **connect to serve**

**worship opportunities**

**Sunday**

Worship 9 am/10:45 am

Children’s Church 9 am/10:45 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

**Wednesday**

Connect Groups 7 pm

ignite Youth 7 pm

Girls & Boys Clubs 7 pm

**office information**

**Hours:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9 am—4 pm

Wednesday, Friday 9 am—12 pm

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