

## Water Baptism

This is a special ceremony to show you have accepted Jesus in your heart and have confessed Him as your Lord and Savior. You are submerged into water for a very brief moment, symbolizing the inward conversion that has taken place within us and identifying with death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

### Who can be baptized?

Anyone who has already asked Jesus into their heart. We encourage parents to have their children wait until they are 8-10 years old before participating.

### Who do we water baptize?

Jesus was baptized in water, and as Christians, we follow His example (Matthew 3:1-17). We are also baptized because we are commanded to by the Bible (Acts 2:28; 10:48). If we really love Jesus, we will obey Him.

Matthew 28:19 says, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

### What is the procedure?

Please be modest and wear dark shorts or pants and a dark shirt.

Bring a complete change of clothes (including socks and underwear), two (2) towels, and a plastic bag to place your wet clothing in.

One of our team members will direct you up the stairs to the baptismal tank.

The pastor will ask you if you have asked Jesus into your heart, or he may ask if you have made Jesus the Lord of your life.

You will stand to the pastor's right side and place your right hand over your nose and your left hand will grasp your right wrist.

The pastor will gently lay you back in the water as he says, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," and then will lift you up.

You will then step out, take your towel to dry off, and proceed to the dressing room to change clothes.

You will receive a special keepsake certificate by mail to serve as a reminder of the ceremony.