



# Instructions for Baptism

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## At least one week before the date of Baptism:

- Complete and turn in this Baptism Application
- A meeting will be scheduled with the pastor performing your baptism before the actual day.
- Use your baptism as an opportunity to invite family and friends (Christian and non-Christian alike). Invite them to attend church with you that day and stay after for the lunch and baptism.

## The Day of Your Baptism:

- Please understand that you will be completely immersed in the water.
- Men: Please wear a bathing suit, shorts, or pants along with a shirt (not white)
- Ladies: Please wear a bathing suit covered by shorts or pants and a t-shirt (not white)
- Note: When coming out of the water, your clothing will be wet, so keep that in mind when choosing your clothing that it is not too loose and coming off and not transparent when wet.
- Bring a large towel
- Prior to the Baptism Celebration, everyone will meet as a group with the pastor for practical instructions and to sign in.
- You will need to share a brief, 1 minute testimony prior to being baptized (you can do it!). In your testimony, be sure to emphasize the difference Christ has made in your life. You can use what you wrote on your application as a basis for what you share or you can use this simple outline to structure what you say:
  - "Before" - Life before you became a Christian
  - "How" - When and how you became a Christian
  - "After" - The difference Christ has made in your life since
- Picture-taking and videoing is encouraged.
- Be sure to pick up your Baptism Certificate after the Celebration.