

water baptism

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why should I be baptized?

Water baptism is obedience to the command of Jesus. He Himself was baptized, setting an example for us to follow. **Matthew 3:13-15**

It was Jesus' last instruction to His disciples. Last instructions are often the most important words one wants to communicate. **Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16**

Water baptism is an outward sign of an inward work in your life. When you go into the water you show other people that you are following Jesus with your life. **Romans 6:3-4.**

Water baptism is a picture of what Jesus did in His death, burial, and resurrection. **1 Peter 3:21**



When should I be baptized?

Water baptism should be the first step of faith you take after being born again. You should do it as soon as possible after you are saved. **Acts 2:41, 8:12, 16:32-33**

How should I be baptized?

“Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water.” **Matthew 3:16.**

“And they went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water...” **Acts 8:38-39a**

“Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death...” **Romans 6:4**

The definition of the Greek word used here (baptizo) is to make whelmed (i.e. fully wet). You need to be fully immersed in water.



What is the criteria for being baptized in water?

You must have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior and have a clear understanding of personal salvation. You must also be at least 8 years old to be baptized at First Assembly

Where and when does the baptism take place?

Baptisms take place during the Sunday morning Worship service as often as needed.

What should I wear?

Men should wear a dark colored t-shirt and dark colored shorts.



Women should wear a dark colored t-shirt and dark colored long shorts. Under the dark clothing a bathing suit or a full set of undergarments should be worn. (You may already have those on if you would like.)

What should I bring?

- Bring your family and friends to witness your baptism (let them know how important it is to you that they attend).
- You should bring the clothes you plan to change into for the baptism.
- You might also want to bring a hair dryer, make-up, towels and dry undergarments. Bring clean hanky (cloth) if you prefer
- Bring a camera or a video camera.



What will happen:

- The Baptismal service will be part of the worship service.
- Pastor will call you to get ready.
- Music will be playing while getting ready.
- Males and females will get ready in the appropriate rooms.
- Pastor will get into the water and make a few remarks, then each person will take a turn getting in the water with pastor.
- Pastor will ask you to give your testimony.
- Tell what Christ has done and why you are being baptized.

