

WATER BAPTISM

Water Baptism is one of the two **ordinances** of the church. It is a **symbolic act practiced by Christ Himself**, taught to the disciples, and commanded of new believers. Water baptism follows salvation; those who believe in Christ are to be subsequently baptized with water (Acts 2:38). It **represents** their commitment to forsake their sinful human nature, and to commit themselves to the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19). Please read and study the “Meaning of Water Baptism” hand-out, and complete this form, and turn it in to the office.

WHY IS “INFANT BAPTISM” NOT ACCEPTABLE?

Baptism *as Christ experienced* is different from “infant baptism” or “christening.” While these hold significance for some faiths, it is the practice of **The Lighthouse** to *dedicate* children instead. **The Bible teaches that true baptism should take place only after a person has made a personal response to follow Jesus Christ.** *Children under thirteen who wish to be baptized will be considered on an individual basis; and parental permission will be sought.*

PREPARATION AND ATTIRE:

Please dress appropriately; we wish to foster an attitude of respect, and honor for the Lord. You will be completely immersed (dunked) under water, so wear dark clothing, as thin, light clothing may become revealing and inappropriate.

Ladies: Wear a one-piece bathing suit under a dark-colored t-shirt without writing on it, and shorts

Men: Wear a shorts-style bathing suit with a dark-colored t-shirt without writing on it

Baptism will take place at the conclusion of the worship service; you will have time to change clothes; you may change in the restrooms located in the church foyer. Also bring a large **towel**, a plastic bag will be provided for your wet clothing.

ON THE BASIS OF THE “CONFESSION OF YOUR FAITH”

You are being baptized on the basis of “the confession of your faith” in Jesus Christ; The only requirement is a salvation experience and desire to completely follow Christ. **Each person (no exceptions) will be required to share a brief (no longer than 2 minutes) personal declaration of faith in Jesus Christ before they are baptized.** This is because the act of baptism is about more than yourself. Baptism is for the church as well, for as you are baptized the church experiences increase of the Kingdom of God.

INFORMATION

CANDIDATE'S NAME (+parent's name if under 13)	M or F	BIRTHDATE

ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP

PHONE	EMAIL

I have confessed Jesus Christ as my Lord and believe that He is risen from the dead. I declare that I am born again by the power of God. I desire to be obedient to the command of Christ to be baptized in water in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost (Matthew 28:19). I understand that baptism is a public testimony of my confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and my decision to identify with His people, and serve Him to the best of my ability all the days of my life. I hereby forsake my former life of sin and commit myself to Christ.

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE (+parent if under 13)