



## All you need to know about Baptism.

### ❖ The Meaning:

- Baptism is a step of obedience *after* a person accepts Christ as Savior. It has no power to save. It is symbolic of Jesus death, burial, and resurrection, and is a public way to indicated to the world that one has become a Christian. It is also the prescribed way that our church accepts people into the membership of the church. We also believe that biblical baptism is by emersion, a complete "dunking" of the individual into the water.
- Scriptures: Matthew 28:19-20, Romans 6:4

### ❖ What to Do/Bring:

- Wear what you normally wear to church.
- Bring a plastic bag (like a walmart bag) with clothes to be baptized in. The best choice for men and women is a loose-fitting pair of shorts and t-shirt that are light in color. Keep on all undergarments. You will be given a white robe to be baptized in that will go over the shorts and t-shirt. The robe is thin and the color of your clothes will show through somewhat after you get wet. You can put your wet clothes and towel back in the plastic bag afterward, and not have to worry about getting anything else wet.
- Bring an extra pair of undergarments to go under the clothes you wore to church. You will be shown a dressing room area where you can change back into those clothes.
- Bring a towel, a brush, and a hair dryer (if you usually dry your hair). The dressing room has a large mirror and electrical outlets.

### ❖ Where/When to Meet:

- Meet in the west hallway of the sanctuary by the water fountain just outside the sanctuary at 8:45 a.m. if being baptized at the 9:00 a.m. service and 10:15 a.m. if being baptized at the 10:30 a.m. service.

### ❖ Things to remember:

- Trust the minister baptizing you. You are not hard to pull up out of the water. Why? You're in water! The minister baptizing you will explain the process of being baptized just prior to the service.
- Please be on time or early if possible. Baptisms are at the beginning of our services and they will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. You will need ample time to change and be ready.
- This is a special day. Write it down in a journal or in your Bible to remember it. God is pleased with your obedience to His command the day you are baptized. Call Craig at the church at 601-276-2396, at home at 601-276-2551 or 601-551-6390 if you have any questions or need any more information.