



*Our Mission:
To obey the command of Jesus to Evangelize the world and Disciple those who believe, resulting
in a Church that Ministers, Fellowships, and Worships God through the power of the Spirit.
Matthew 28:19-20*

Baptism Confirmation & Instructions

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INTRODUCTION

We are excited about your decision to follow Christ in the ordinance of Water Baptism. This decision will strengthen your walk with the Lord while giving public testimony to your salvation experience. To help you be prepared for Water Baptism please read over the following:

Along with this sheet you have received several invitation cards for you to pass out to your family and friends. Baptism is a public confession of your faith in Christ and we encourage you to invite everyone, especially those you would want to enjoy this very special once in a lifetime event.

Your baptism has been scheduled for Sunday morning _____ at the close of the 10:30 am service. Please be at church 10 minutes early to be seated in a special section and to make preparation for your clothing change needs. See a host upon arrival.

INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ At approximately 11:45 am a host will come to your seating location and escort you to the men's and ladies changing rooms. You should collect your belongings and proceed with them in a quiet and orderly manner. Remember the church service will still be going on, so you should be as quiet as possible even in the hallways and restrooms.
- ✓ Once in the restroom you should prepare or change into your baptism attire. After you have completed this, you should exit the restroom and stand just in front of the baptismal area door. A host will be there waiting for you to assist in any way.
- ✓ Toward the conclusion of the service the Pastor will join you at the baptismal area. At this time he will call for you and any others to step up and into the baptismal area. You should be in an attitude of prayer and rejoicing during this part of the service.
- ✓ When it is your turn to be baptized you should ascend the stairs and wait at the top until the Pastor calls for you to come down and into the baptismal pool. At the Pastor's beckoning, descend the stairs into the water, then turn around and be seated on the baptismal seat provided. See the picture on the back of this page.
- ✓ After being seated in the baptismal pool you will be given an opportunity for a brief testimony/statement concerning your salvation and your love for God. At this point the Pastor will make the following pronouncement: Upon the profession of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, I now baptize you *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost*. You will then be baptized by immersion. You will be completely submerged under the water. You may choose to cross your hands over your chest and hold your nose if you desire to do so.
- ✓ After you are baptized you should exit the baptismal pool (using the hand rails as you descend the stairs). Proceed immediately to the restroom for changing into dry clothes.

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ITEMS YOU WILL NEED TO BRING

- ✓ A large towel.
- ✓ A comb or brush and any other such "dressing" items you may feel you need.
- ✓ A change of clothes to be baptized in. Suggestions for men - pants and a white shirt or T-shirt.
Suggestions for women - a split skirt or loose fitting dress which may be pinned at the knees, or very baggy loose fitting walking shorts, as well as a blouse or shirt.
- ✓ A large plastic bag to take wet clothes home in.

*Special Note: Baptism is not a method of joining the **Gospel Tabernacle** church. If you wish to join the church you may speak to the pastoral staff concerning membership.*

