



CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH

BAPTISM GUIDE

WHAT WE BELIEVE

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED

Christians believe that the blood of Jesus Christ, shed on the cross, provides the sole basis for the forgiveness of sin. Therefore, salvation occurs only when a person places his or her faith in the death and resurrection of Christ as the sufficient payment for his or her sin.

If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, then you are ready to be baptized. Just like a bride and groom show others their love for one another by wearing wedding bands, your baptism is your opportunity to show others that you have accepted Christ and are now walking with him.

WHAT BAPTISM SYMBOLIZES

Baptism is a way of showing others that you have entered into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

It symbolizes what took place in your heart at the time of salvation:

- Accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- Shared in his death and resurrection, illustrated through baptism by going under the water (dead to your old life), then rising again (new life).
- Were symbolically washed clean, and sins were forgiven by his death on the cross.

Because Jesus instructed us to be baptized, baptism is an act of obedience. While it is not necessary for salvation, it demonstrates submission to God. We immerse because we believe Scripture shows that Jesus modeled that for us as the way to publicly acknowledge our faith in him.

THE BAPTISM PROCESS

Our baptism process at Concord is nothing complicated, but you will need to know some important info, so please read below.

1. If you think baptism is the next step for you, please speak with one of our Pastors during a church service on Sunday morning or fill out the Baptism Inquiry Form on our website.



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2. If there is any further discussion needed one of our pastors will arrange a meeting to speak with you about baptism.
3. After that, our office will contact you to schedule your baptism, either by phone or email.
4. Prior to baptism day, please remind your family of this exciting event in your life and let them know to be a few minutes early to the Sunday morning service in which you are going to be baptized (Service times are 8am, 9:30am, or 11am).
5. On baptism day:
 - Please arrive 30 minutes early
 - Check in at Welcome Center
 - Wear something to get wet (shorts, and light colored t-shirt are suggested, as you will wear a provided baptism robe)
 - Bring a change of clothes
 - Invite your family to sit in front of the baptism pool.
6. Celebrate! You've been baptized and publicly told everyone who you follow; Jesus Christ!

If you have any further questions please call our church office, 770.983.7272