

## **WATER BAPTISM INSTRUCTIONS**

### **What to Bring ...**

- **Towel**
- **Dark colored shirt, shorts or jeans. Make sure they are dark for modesty reasons. There are baptism robes hanging in the foyer if you chose to wear over these clothes.**
- **A camera. We will be taking a picture too and will present that to you with your baptism certificate the following week.**
- **Your testimony of how you came to the Lord, what he has done for you, how your life has changed since you accepted him as your Lord.**
- **Invite your family and friends.**

### **What will happen on your Baptism Day ...**

- **Pastor will have a regular service. During the service, he will dismiss you to go change. You can change in the rest rooms outside the north entrance on the main floor.**
- **You will line up in the order we determine tonight.**
- **We will all walk into the sanctuary together. There is reserved seating for you in the front row to the left of the baptism pool.**
- **Pastor will get into the baptism pool and he will call you individually.**
- **There will be deacons or ushers on either side outside the pool to assist you in and out of the pool.**
- **Pastor will introduce you to the congregation. He will ask you to tell him how you came to know the Lord, this is your testimony. He will then ask if you have received Jesus Christ as your savior and if you want to serve Him all the days of your life.**
- **Upon your public confession of faith, Pastor will then turn towards you. You should place your right hand on your left wrist and hold your nose with your left hand. Bend your knees. Pastor will then say: I now baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Pastor will lean you back into the water to fully submerge you in the water. Work with him. Relax and hold your breath. He will pull you right back up.**
- **You will then step out of the baptism pool. It may feel very heavy as you will be completely wet and your clothes will be dripping.**
- **You can exit immediately on the plastic runner that will take you back to the rest rooms.**

**Change into your dry clothes and rejoin the congregation. If you used a robe or borrowed a towel, place it in the bucket outside the restroom.**