

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAPTISM

WHAT TO WEAR:

Preferably wear dark clothes. Light-colored clothes may become almost transparent when soaked through.

WHERE TO CHANGE:

In most churches, the rest rooms will be used because of the wet clothes. Be sure to bring a complete change of dry clothes, a towel and a plastic bag to hold your wet clothing.

PROCEDURE:

Come dressed in the clothes in which you will be baptized. You may wish to give your change of clothes to someone in advance who will assist you immediately after you are baptized.

The service will begin with a praise and worship time, after which Pasto will give a brief message. Then he will ask all the baptismal candidates to stand before him to answer the questions we ask of all candidates. After answering the questions, all will be seated and then come to the platform one at a time to be baptized. (Each one be ready to come as soon as the previous person gets out of the baptistry.)

Once you are in the baptistry, introduce yourself, then give your testimony. (See the testimony guide sheet.)

After giving your testimony, cross your arms in the form of an “X” over your chest. If you want to put one hand over your nose, that is appropriate. Pastor will lay you back in the water until you are immersed and then bring you back up. Just relax and let the buoyant water and the pastor do the work.

As soon as you are baptized, you may rise and step out of the baptistry. Someone will immediately hand you a towel and you may exit the sanctuary to change clothes.

INVITATIONS TO YOUR BAPTISM:

Your baptism is a wonderful opportunity to invite your family and friends to church. Your baptism is a very positive testimony. Many people have been touched by a friend or relative’s baptism, and consequently have committed their hearts to Jesus. You will be given invitations that you can use to share with family and friends. Be sure to use these.

Note to baptism planner: Instructions may be adjusted to fit your situation. These were written to fit one church’s practice of immersing in a portable baptistry.