

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

It is best to wear something casual that you don't mind getting wet. Lighter colors (particularly white) are not good choices due to transparency. Darker colored clothing is best suitable for water baptism. Bring a change of clothes and a towel, perhaps a hair dryer. You should also remember to take off your shoes and any jewelry.

SHOULD I WAIT UNTIL I HAVE BEEN A CHRIST FOLLOWER FOR A LONG TIME?

We encourage Christians to be baptized soon after they have made their commitment. The Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8 was immediately baptized after he began his journey with Christ. In Acts 10, we read that Cornelius and his entire family were baptized soon after their statements of faith. The jailer of Acts 16 was also baptized (along with his entire family) the night of his confession of faith. The longer it is delayed, the more excuses we can make for not taking this step. However, the opposite is also true. It is never too late to follow the Lord in this act of obedience.

WHY DO WE DUNK PEOPLE?

We believe the Bible teaches baptism by immersion which is lowering into the water. Matthew 3:16 says, Jesus came out of the water, meaning the Jordan River. And in Acts 8:26-39, the Ethiopian eunuch upon seeing a body of water wanted to be baptized soon after accepting Jesus as his savior. The Greek word baptize literally means, to immerse. So, we practice baptism by immersion.

HOW CAN I INVOLVE MY FAMILY & FRIENDS?

Family and friends can be right there by you! They can be right there supporting you through this time of celebration! Consider being baptized with your spouse or as a family. The time of your baptism is a great opportunity to share your faith. Enclosed in this brochure we have developed a place for you to make a list of your family and friends that you would like for us as your church family to personally invite to your water baptism. Many have accepted Christ because of the faith story of a friend or relative who followed in Christian baptism. Baptism is an exciting, incredible next step in your faith journey!

AM I READY TO BE BAPTIZED?

Have you accepted Jesus Christ into your heart and asked Him to forgive you of your sins?

Can you clearly share why you want to be baptized and do you understand what it represents?

Is it your choice to follow Christ in baptism and not pressure from others?

Are you old enough for this to be a meaningful experience that you will remember for the rest of your life?

If you can answer "yes" to these questions, then

YOU ARE READY!

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BAPTISM

WHY BE BAPTIZED?

If you have personally received Christ, you are forgiven and accepted by God. There are some excellent reasons why you should be baptized.

First of all, Jesus commands us to actively baptize believers (Matthew 28:19).

Since he is the Lord, and since his will is always good, this should be reason enough. It is a very important act of obedience to the Forgiver and Leader of your life. Being baptized is also an opportunity for you to spiritually influence others in a positive way. It provides you a way to publicly show your faith before others.

Non-believing friends and family members usually attend our baptisms, and they are often deeply impacted by the stories of those being baptized.

Christian friends are also built up by this and motivated to continue sharing the message of Christ.

Being baptized is also an opportunity for you to take a step of faith. Getting baptized is at times intimidating because it involves taking a stand for your faith in front of the community of believers. It could be stepping outside of your "comfort zone" to do something that shares Christ and serves others. Christ will challenge you to take such steps throughout your life journey, so experiencing baptism can be a celebrated success of displaying your faith! Simply put, we emphasize baptism because the Bible emphasized it (Matthew 28:18-20).



water BAPTISM info

Please fill out this form and give to Welcome Center attendant.

Name (Please Print)

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Date of Birth _____

Are you saved? _____

Are you attending FLWC regularly _____

I have read the Request for Water Baptism. I understand what water baptism means and the importance of water baptism in my life.

Yes No

The church office will contact you regarding this application for the next available date for water baptism.

INVITE, INVITE, INVITE!

We want to personally invite your family & friends to this awesome event! Simply fill in their information below and our church office will mail out personal invitations for you!

Name: _____

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