

## Water Baptism Checklist and Testimony Worksheet

*Retain this page to help you prepare for your baptism.*

- ☑ Plan to **arrive at the church at least one hour before the service**, at 6:15 p.m., preferably in the clothes in which you will be baptized. Please meet at the front of the Sanctuary near the platform.
- ☑ Clothes that will not retain much water work best (jeans are not good). We will give you a baptism t-shirt to wear and many people wear dark-colored shorts and a t-shirt under this. Also, make sure to bring a change of clothes, two towels and a plastic bag for wet clothing.
- ☑ Please make sure to turn in your **Water Baptism Application Form** (required for all baptism candidates) to Hannah Brown at the church office as soon as possible (or you may fill this out and send it to us online).

**Water baptism provides a wonderful opportunity to testify about God's marvelous work in our lives.** Through the power of Jesus' death and resurrection we have been born again into a living hope (1 Peter 1:3). We were dead in our sins but God made us alive in Christ (Ephesians 2:1-10)!

**We encourage everyone to share a brief personal testimony during the baptism service.**

This is one of the best opportunities you will ever have to share your experience of salvation in Christ with many people! Begin by praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit; He wants to lead you through the process. To help you develop an effective testimony, begin to write out simple, brief thoughts in the spaces below each question.

1. *Briefly describe where you were spiritually before receiving Jesus Christ as your Savior. How did that condition affect your feelings, attitudes, actions or relationships?*
  
2. *Explain what motivated you to consider Jesus and to receive Him into your life. Describe how your life has changed since you trusted Him.*
  
3. *As you consider your "before Christ" and "after Christ" conditions, look for a theme that can tie your testimony together. For example, "I used to live with a great deal of fear, but when I came to know the love of God through Jesus Christ that fear disappeared."*

We suggest that you write out your thoughts from the worksheet onto a note card and perhaps read your testimony at the baptism service. Always keep your testimony *positive* by focusing on good things the Lord has done for you rather than bad things others have done to you. Avoid specific negative references to individuals or churches so that you can keep the emphasis on God and His faithfulness! **Remember to keep it brief—one or two minutes at most. A few well-chosen words can have a powerful impact!**