



HIGHPOINT CHURCH BAPTISM INFORMATION



Congratulations on your upcoming baptism!

Baptism symbolizes your personal commitment to follow Christ and a public commitment to others that you are unashamed to be identified with Him. It's your way of saying that your love for Christ is not a fleeting emotion but comes straight from the center of your heart. This is why baptism was and is still so important to God! That is why Jesus instructed His followers to be baptized in Matthew 28:19, which says, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." So, what does this mean when you are baptized?

- 1. It is a sign that you are united with Jesus.** When you are baptized as a Christian, people understand that you are identifying yourself with Christ. Baptism is symbolic of your identification with Christ in His burial and resurrection. When the person being baptized is lowered under the water, it signifies their identification with Christ dying for their sins. Coming up out of the water identifies with His resurrection to newness and light. That's what the Bible is talking about when it says in Colossians 2:12, "For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead."
- 2. It is a sign that your sins have been washed away.** The water used in baptism is a symbol of cleansing. When you finally became a Christian, you accepted the fact that Jesus forgave your sins. That's why, in every instance in the Bible where a baptism occurs, the person was immersed under the water. The practice of sprinkling for a baptism is not a Biblical precedent. It began after Christianity became the Roman Empire's official religion under Constantine. Entire communities needed to be baptized under his edict, and it was simpler and faster to sprinkle large crowds than to baptize them individually.
- 3. It is a sign of your commitment to a new master.** It is an expression of your obedience and willingness to follow Christ as the leader of your life. It's your way of saying, "My life is under new management. God is now the Lord of my past, present, and future."
- 4. It is an opportunity for others to hear about God's love.** When someone was baptized in the time of Christ, it didn't occur behind closed doors. It happened at a local river and was witnessed by many in the community; including friends, family, and associates. Today, it is still common for family and friends to support a person by attending their baptism. Even though they may not have made a personal decision to follow Christ, they can be encouraged by your own decision.

We have included the information you need for Baptism Sunday on the next page. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at info@highpointchurch.us. We cannot wait to celebrate with you!

-The Highpoint Staff

FAQ'S

What time should I arrive on the day of my baptism?

First service: 8:30 AM

Second service: 10:00 AM

Where do I go when I arrive?

When you arrive, you will meet the Baptism Coordinator in the Summit room, and they will show you where to put your belongings, sit during service and give directions on baptism order, etc.

What do I need to bring?

- Towel
- Hair dryer, if needed
- Cosmetics, if needed
- Change of clothes

What should I wear?

- Please arrive at the church in modest dark-colored clothing for baptism.
- Non-slip slides or sandals that you can remove and put back on quickly

When will baptisms be in the service?

Baptisms will begin during the second worship song following the weekly update time. The communication team will transition into that time.

What should I do when it is my turn to be baptized?

The staff member who is baptizing you will help you into the tank. The first couple of feet is very shallow (about 1 foot) and then drops off. Once you step in, take a few steps forward, bend down, and sit on the ledge with your feet in the deep end. With your left hand, plug your nose. Use your right hand to grab your left wrist. The pastor will then put a hand on your back and take hold of your forearm of the arm that is plugging your nose. They will lean you back into the water and pull you back up.

What do I do after I am baptized?

After you are baptized, your baptism coordinator will help you exit the tank so you do not slip. Please exit the auditorium from the far left doors and enter the Summit Room through the door in the hallway. You can then use the changing tents to change and rejoin the service.