



Frequently Asked Questions [FAQs]

Q. How do I get signed up to be baptized?

A. The first step is to fill out the Baptism Information Form. You can pick one of those up from the church office, one of the Elders, or from either of the Pastors.

Q. I hear there is an interview for people getting baptized. How does that work?

A. The next step is to sign up for an informal interview with a HCC Elder. You will request a time slot for your interview when you fill out the Baptism Information Form. The purpose of the interview is to give you an opportunity to share with an Elder about your decision to follow Jesus and be baptized. It's also an opportunity for you to ask questions and discuss baptism in a one-on-one setting. The meeting will last about 10-15 minutes. Bring your completed information form with you.

Q. Who should I invite?

A. Everyone! Remember this is a celebration where you publicly communicate you're a follower of Christ, so include anyone who you would like to be part of that celebration. Some suggestions:

- Family, friends, work associates or neighbors
- Followers of Christ and those who you want to see become followers of Christ
- People who've had a key impact on you in your spiritual journey

Q. How do I prepare?

A. That's an easy one, *pray* . . . for:

- **Others:** That your step of obedience would point others to Christ (who are not currently followers of Christ) and encourage followers of Christ
- **Your own spiritual protection:** Remember you're taking a significant step of obedience and proclaiming Christ to others. So expect some obstacles from Christ's chief enemy, Satan. Know that Christ, who is in you, has already defeated Satan. Satan has no power over you.

Q. Will I need to say anything when I get baptized?

A. Very little. Pastor will comment briefly on your decision to be a follower of Christ or your decision to be baptized. Pastor may ask you a simple "yes" question, e.g., "*(Name), based on your decision to follow Christ, is it your desire to be baptized to show your allegiance to Christ?*"

Q. What do I wear when I get baptized?

A. Modest clothing that can get completely wet! Robes will not be available. Here are some suggestions:

Men/Boys: Swimming trunks or shorts and a T-shirt. Shoes optional.

Women/Girls: Dark colored T-shirt and shorts or pants (swim suit underneath). Shoes optional.

Q. Do I need to bring a towel?

A. **Yes!** And, of course, a dry set of clothes if you plan to change after the baptism. You'll want to bring your towel with you to the baptismal tank.

Q. Where do I change after the baptism?

A. If you plan to change clothes after being baptized, you can use the bathrooms downstairs.

Q. Can pictures be taken?

A. Absolutely! Feel free to have a family member or friend take pictures or make a video recording.

Q. Can I have a particular friend/elder baptize me?

A. We'll try our best to honor your request. Please indicate your preference on the Baptism Information Form.

Q. Is there a minimum age for children who want to be baptized?

A. We prefer each participant to be at least 12 years of age, but the Pastor and an Elder will meet with any child and their parents to make the best decision based on each individual case.

Q. Who can I contact for more information?

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