



## **JOURNEY CHURCH BELIEVER'S BAPTISM FAQ**

### **THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING BELIEVER'S BAPTISM....**

Please take the time to review this information before filling out the registration form at the end of this document. If you have any questions, feel free to email [journeychurchcolumbus.org](mailto:journeychurchcolumbus.org) or call us at 561-7599.

### **WHAT IS BAPTISM?**

Baptism doesn't make you a believer - it shows that you already believe. Baptism does not "save" you, only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring - it's the outward symbol of the commitment you make in your heart.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith... it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast." --Ephesians 2:8,9

#### **It illustrates Christ's burial and resurrection.**

"Christ died for our sins... He was buried... and He rose again."  
--I Corinthians 15:3-4

"For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ." --Colossians. 2:12

#### **It illustrates my new life as a Christian.**

"When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!" --2 Corinthians. 5:17

"By our baptism then, we were buried with Him and shared His death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead... so also we may live a new life!" --Romans 6:4

### **WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?**

#### **Every person who has believed in Christ.**

"Those who believe and accepted His message were baptized..." --Acts 2:41

"Simon himself believed and was baptized..." --Acts 8:13

"But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News... and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women."  
--Acts 8:12



## **A Word Concerning Infant Baptism**

In the Bible, we find parents bringing their children to Jesus. He held them and prayed for them and told us to welcome them. But He did not baptize them, and He did not tell anyone else to baptize them. Baptism is for those who have made a personal decision to trust Christ alone for their salvation.

At Journey we have a baby dedication in which parents recognize their children as a gift from God and dedicate themselves to raising up in the “nurture and admonition of the Lord” but we do not baptize them.

## **WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?**

**As soon as you have believed.**

There is no reason to delay. As soon as you have decided to receive Christ into your life, you can and should be baptized. If you wait until you are "perfect", you'll never feel "good enough"!

"Those who believe...were baptized...that day!" --Acts 2:41

"Then Philip began with the scripture and told him the Good News about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water, and the man said, 'Look, here is water! Why shouldn't I be baptized right now?' Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart, you may.' The man answered, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' So they went down into the water and Philip baptized him." --Acts 8:35-38

## **WHY BE BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION?**

The word Baptize means "To dip under water". The Greek work baptize means "to immerse or dip under water." It is the best symbolization of a burial and resurrection!

**Jesus was baptized that way.**

"As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water."  
--Matthew 3:16

**Every baptism in the Bible was by immersion.**

(Example) "...then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water..." --Acts 8:38-39



## **ADDITIONAL THINGS TO KNOW:**

### **What should I wear:**

1. Women should wear shorts and a dark colored top or a swimsuit and t-shirt.  
Men may wear shorts or swim-suit and a t-shirt.
2. Please bring a change of clothes, a towel, and a plastic bag for your wet clothes.

### **Will I have to say anything?**

At the beginning of the service, the Pastor will briefly explain the meaning of baptism. You will wait in the water for your turn to be baptized. The Pastor will introduce you, and ask you if you have received Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? You will simply want to acknowledge “yes.” The pastor will then say, “it is my privilege to baptize you my brother/sister in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.” He will then lower you just under the water. You will then leave the water, dry off, and watch the others. Later you will receive your baptism certificate.

### **Can I invite my family and friends?**

Yes! Baptism is a public declaration of a very personal decision and so you are not only welcome but encouraged to invite all your relatives and friends to attend your baptism that may want to come.

## **REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:**

### **Complete the attached form and return by one of the following methods:**

1. Dropping the form at church on Sunday
2. Emailing the form to [journeychurchcolumbus.org](mailto:journeychurchcolumbus.org)
3. Mailing the form to the church office:  
Journey Church  
643 Lindridge Dr.  
Galloway, Ohio 43119

## **IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES**

- Please return the registration form to Journey one week prior to the Sunday you would like to be baptized and we will do our best to accommodate your request.
- Please arrive **15 minutes** prior to the service during which you are being baptized.



## BAPTISM REGISTRATION

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_ (full name for purposes of baptism certificate)

Address:

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Birth date: Mo \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

### YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY:

Please write a paragraph or two in the space provided below describing how and when you decided to trust Christ alone for your salvation. This will be helpful for you to recognize the difference Christ has made in your life.

When writing your testimony, do your best to focus on these points:

1. Be sure to explain your story in such a way that if someone heard it, they would know what to do to become a Christian.
2. Tell what your life was like before you decided to trust Christ.
3. Describe how and when you decided to trust Christ alone for your salvation.
4. Share how this decision made a difference in your life. (Feel free to attach additional pages.)

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