



What to Expect The Day of Baptism

Although this schedule can vary, here is the basic schedule of a baptism service:

1. The pastor meets with baptism candidates 1 hour before the ceremony to provide the basic instructions for what will occur during the ceremony.
2. If held at CEFC, you will then have time to change into the appropriate clothing. If held offsite (generally in the summer months), you will likely arrive in the clothes you plan on being baptism in while bringing a change of clothes along.
3. Before the service, the pastor leading the service will spend a few minutes discussing believer's baptism and pray.
4. You will be assisted in lining up and stepping into the water individually.
5. Once in the water, you will be announced by name and asked 5 questions (the same questions from the Baptism Class) which follow:
 - a. Do you believe in God the Father, Creator of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ as His only Son and in the Holy Spirit as equal members of the Trinity? If so, answer, "I do."
 - b. Do you believe that Jesus Christ alone died for your sins and rose from the grave just as the Bible says? If so, answer, "I do."
 - c. Do you believe that the ONLY way to receive forgiveness for your sins is found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ by grace through faith? If so, answer, "I do."
 - d. Do you, by this public act of baptism indicate that it is your desire to turn you back on sin and the world and follow Jesus for the rest of your life as the Savior and Lord of your life? If so, answer, "I do."
 - e. "NAME", *on the basis of your profession of faith, I now baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as you die to yourself and your sin and are raised to life in Victory through Jesus Christ!*
6. After everyone has been baptized, the pastor will close with prayer.
7. The ceremony is followed by a celebration for all in attendance!