

BAPTISM Q & A

Where Do Baptisms Take Place?

The Rock locations with buildings have baptismal that can be used. Otherwise, baptisms take place in many places! Sometimes baptisms are organized through friends on a Small Group. Such baptisms take place in swimming pools, rivers, lakes and even hot tubs! The church baptized many people in community swimming pools, rivers, and other church baptisteries and at church picnics.

Who Will Baptize Me?

According to the Bible, any Christian who has been baptized can baptize others. It is part of the instructions God gave to all Christians (Matthew 28:19-20). Usually a person who has been a positive spiritual influence in his or her life baptizes someone. But the focus should not be on who does the baptizing, but rather Whose Name we are being baptized into.

Can My Family Be Baptized Together?

Yes! If each member understands fully the meaning of baptism, and each one has personally placed his/her trust in Christ for salvation, we encourage families to be baptized at the same time. It is a wonderful expression of commitment. If you would like help determining if a young child has truly understood salvation just as a pastor or their Sunday school teacher for help.

However, it is important to remember that baptism is a personal statement of faith, not a family tradition. It is usually not wise to delay your baptism while waiting on other family members to accept Christ, particularly children. This puts undue pressure on them, and delays your obedience.

What Should I Wear When I Am Baptized?

We care a lot about dignity and discretion at The Rock, so we request that men wear long shorts or swim trunks with a dark T-Shirt, and we ask that ladies wear a swimming suit underneath long shorts and a dark T-shirt (you may use any of the restrooms for changing). And you'll obviously be getting soaked, so don't forget a towel, a change of clothes and a plastic bag for your wet clothes.

Why do we film your testimony?

Mainly because we love to hear everyone's stories! Filming also takes the edge off of possible stage fright while providing a seamless introduction of those being baptized. It's quick, easy, and conducted with care, and you'll receive a copy of your interview. Fill out the baptism packet (see online or storefront) and we'll get you scheduled!

Will I Have To Say Anything?

We typically show your baptism video during announcements and have the pastor I briefly explain the meaning of baptism. Then those being baptized go into the water with the person who will baptize them. They are immersed, then can leave the water, dry off, and watch the others. A brief time of prayer usually follows the baptism. Later, you will receive a baptism certificate from the church. We encourage you to invite friends or relatives to attend your baptism.

Special Needs?

All of our pastors can perform a private baptism in special circumstances.

You can get more information about baptism from a Baptism Bible study found online at <http://www.experiencetherock.com/resources/baptism/>.