



## **Baptism Instruction**

Please arrive at Friendship Baptist Church the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 9:15 am. Please try to be on time. If you have any questions, please call Sister Sheryl Shelton at (419) 917-0853.

We suggest you come to church dressed in a sweat outfit to be worn under your baptismal gown. Please bring extra clothing to put on after you are baptized. You will need (2) large towels, a shower or swim cap for your hair (optional) and a plastic bag to put your wet clothing in. *If you can't bring your own sweat outfit and towels, we can provide for you.*

When you arrive at church for baptism, please enter the sanctuary through the doors on the far right (east side of building) and come down the 1<sup>st</sup> aisle and sit on the first pew. Someone will escort you to the changing rooms. You will be asked to fill out a baptism registration form with your name, address, date of birth and telephone number. The information is required so we can complete and mail your baptism certificate to you.

***Please Note:*** Children under 12 years of age are required to take the Children's Salvation Class before they are baptized. The class is held every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Room 104 at 9:45 am.

You will receive a courtesy call prior to your baptism reminding you what you need to bring for the baptism.



**The work of the cross is God's offer of life.**

**Baptism is our acceptance!**

Baptism represents death, burial and resurrection to a new life in Jesus Christ!

The mode of baptism is full water immersion. The word *baptize* in the Greek means to “immerse, plunge, dip or bury in water”.

**Matthew 3:13-16** - <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. <sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” NIV

**Ephesians 4:4-6** - <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. NIV

**Romans 6:3-5** - <sup>3</sup> Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

**Acts 2:38-41** - <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” <sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. NIV