

Baptism Checklist

- complete Immanuel's Bible Study on Belief and Baptism
- "confess with your mouth" by giving your testimony (when and why you asked Jesus for salvation) to members of our church leadership
- Permission slip if under age 18

Items for baptism

- Shorts or jeans
- White T shirt without writing (or inside out)
- Dry clothes (don't forget socks and underwear)
- Towel
- Comb or Brush
- Hair dryer (optional)
- Plastic bag for wet towel and clothing

Immanuel Baptist Church is a group of broken people coming together to grow closer to God by prayerfully seeking Him in His Word and sharing the peace and hope of Christ with others.



Come join our church family
and make Immanuel your home.

**KNOW Jesus
GROW in Jesus
SHOW Jesus**

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BELIEVER'S BAPTISM AT IMMANUEL

Baptismal Guidelines



**Believer's
Baptism**

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At Immanuel Baptist Church we believe that Jesus, in the

Bible, gives two clear ordinances (or expressions of faith) to the church, and therefore, to all who believe: The Lord's Supper (or Communion) and Believers Baptism. This brochure is intended to give you information on why and how we baptize. If you wish to be a candidate for baptism at IBC, reading this is your first step.

What is Baptism? Baptism is the outward profession of inward possession. This means that you are declaring that you have trusted Jesus as your personal Savior and that you want to publically show your obedience and your identification with Jesus by being baptized.

What Baptism is Not: It cannot save you, it plays no role in salvation, and it is not "washing away your sins". (Eph 2:1, 8-9; Heb 9:22)

The Bible clearly teaches that Baptism does not save us. Only a personal confession of our sins and the acceptance of what Jesus did on the cross

can save us. Romans 10:9 says, "...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." 1 John 1:9 tells us "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." It is only through Christ that we are saved, not through the act of Baptism. If you have not truly submitted your heart and life to follow Christ, baptism is meaningless.

Why should I be Baptized?

Follow Jesus' example: Jesus humbled himself and modeled baptism for us when he was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (Mark 1:9)

Obedience: Baptism shows obedience to Jesus command in the Gospel of Matthew. "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit..." (Matt 28:19-20)

Symbol that we are changed: When the believer is immersed in baptism it symbolizes the death of Christ for our sins, the burial of our old sin nature, and rising to new life in Jesus.

Who should be Baptized? Only those who have trusted Christ as their Savior. Acts 2:41 says, "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized..." Baptism is a step of obedience and a public identification with Christ that is only for Believers.

How should I be Baptized? The New Testament was written first in Greek (a very precise language) and in those scriptures the Greek word *baptizo* is used, appearing over 80 times. It means to "put under" or "immerse". Both the Bible and

the history of the early church point toward believer baptism by immersion.

Various denominations utilize other modes of baptism such as pouring, dipping, and sprinkling. However none of these demonstrate burial and resurrection like immersion.

When should a person be Baptized? Baptism is for Believers. Infants are unable to believe, nor can they confess Jesus as Lord. (Romans 10:9) At Immanuel we hold dedication services for our babies, but we do not practice infant baptism. Children desiring baptism should have reached an age where they understand salvation and have chosen themselves to follow Christ.

If you were baptized as an infant that is a symbol of your parent's beliefs; rebaptism by immersion speaks to your belief and submission to Jesus Christ.



If you are a Believer and desire to follow Christ in Baptism, we invite you to complete our Bible Study on Belief and Baptism and to "confess with your mouth" by giving your testimony (when and why you asked Jesus for salvation) to members of our church leadership. Please see our Pastor or another church leader to begin that process.