

Baptism Packet

For Anyone Wishing To Be Baptized At LifePoint



Thank you for your desire to be a part of Baptism at LifePoint Church! We are a church that wants to lead people to grow in their spiritual journey. Baptism is an awesome celebration and we want to help you make the most of it.

Please read through the following and be sure to complete all items and turn in at least 1 week prior to the next Baptism date.

1. The first step is to complete the **Baptism Packet**. If you have any questions along the way, please e-mail Bryan Willingham at bryanw@gasinnovations.com.
2. Fill out the **Baptism Information** form at the end of this packet.
3. Find a picture and turn it in with the 2 items above. If you have a digital picture, e-mail it at least 1 week prior to Colleen McFee at cmcfee@cometolifepoint.org.
4. Be sure you have all 3 items above turned in at least 1 week prior to the baptism date.
5. Begin telling your friends and family about your baptism so they can come and celebrate with you.
6. Plan to arrive, along with the person baptizing you and the person reading your story, in the auditorium **at least 45 minutes prior** to the start of the service for final preparations. You will have time to change before the service.
7. **Please bring:** 2 towels, change of clothes and a plastic bag to put wet clothes in.
8. **What to wear?** Women should wear shorts and a top which will preserve modesty. Men may wear a swimsuit and t-shirt.

If you have any questions, please contact LifePoint Church at 832-864-2246 or e-mail Colleen McFee at cmcfee@cometolifepoint.org.

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Interested in Baptism? Awesome! Here is your packet to get started...

If you are an adult, please go through this on your own. If you have any questions, please contact your LifeGroup leader or Bryan Willingham at bryanw@gasinnovations.com.

If you are a child or student, please go over this with your parent(s) or an adult that is investing in your life spiritually.

Please answer the following questions and write in your answers to the questions.

What is Baptism?

It's an outward expression of an inward change. Baptism symbolizes the new life that has already taken place by receiving Christ into your life.

2 Corinthians 5:17 *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"*

Baptism does not bring about new life. Salvation brings about new life. One receives salvation by trusting in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Have you come to a time in your life when you have chosen to place your trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

If yes, when?

Write a brief description of that experience:

Baptism also identifies us with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

Colossians 2:12 *having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.*

As you go into the waters of baptism, it symbolizes the death and burial of Christ. When you come up out of the water, it symbolizes the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, and that you too have been raised to new life in Christ.

Romans 6:4 *Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.*

Baptism is also like a wedding ring. A wedding ring symbolizes that a person is married. Baptism symbolizes a union with Christ.

What Does the Bible Say About Jesus?

1. Jesus is God

John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

2. Jesus became a man

John 1:14 *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

3. Jesus is the only way to Heaven

John 14:6 *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

Acts 4:12 *Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.*

Restate in your own words Who Jesus is:

Why Should A Person Be Baptized?

Three Reasons:

1. Because Jesus commanded us to be baptized. In the following verse, Jesus is about to ascend to heaven and He is commissioning his disciples to go and share the good news about His love and grace to others and to baptize those who believe in Him.

Matthew 28:19 *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

2. Jesus Himself set the example for us to be baptized.

Mark 1:9 *At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.*

3. It is a public profession of our faith in Jesus to others. Jesus commanded that we publicly profess Him before others.

Matthew 10:32-33 ³²Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. ³³But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.

Restate in your own words why you should be baptized:

Who Should Be Baptized?

Every person who has believed in Christ.

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

At LifePoint, we wait until our children are old enough to believe and understand the true meaning of baptism before we baptize them.

What about infant baptism?

Some churches practice a "baptism of confirmation" for children. This ceremony is intended to be a covenant between the parents and God on the behalf of the child. The parents promise to raise their child in the faith until the child is old enough to make his own personal confession of Christ. This is different from the baptism talked about in the Bible which was only for those old enough to believe. The purpose is to publicly confess your personal commitment to Christ.

If the purpose of Baptism is to publicly identify a believer in Jesus Christ, you may well be asking yourself, "What was the significance of my Baptism as a baby?" 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. If you were baptized as a baby, it was the intent of your parents that you would one day be a follower of Christ. Your Baptism as an adult can be viewed as the fulfillment of your parents' wishes.

Are you one who should be baptized?
How do you know?

When Should I Be Baptized?

As soon as you have believed.

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

There is no reason to delay. As soon as you have decided to receive Christ into your life, you can and should be baptized.

Are you ready to be baptized?

If you answered “yes” to the previous question, then it’s time for you to take this step. Here’s what you need to do:

1. Write out your story using the following outline:

What do you remember about your life before trusting in Jesus as your Savior?

When did you choose to trust in Jesus as your Savior?

What is different about your life now that you are trusting in Jesus for as your Savior?

2. Decide who you want to have baptize you. It can be anyone that has trusted in Christ as their Savior. We recommend you ask someone who has had a spiritual impact on your life. Baptism is a great way to allow that person to celebrate this decision with you.

I will have _____ baptize me.

3. Your story above will be read aloud before you are baptized. Choose who you will have read your story. Please keep reading length under 1 minute. If you make changes to your story after submitting it, it must be approved by our church before being read at your baptism.

I will have _____ read my story.

Baptism Information Form

Please be sure to turn in this form along with your Baptism Packet at least 1 week prior to the next Baptism service.

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Are you (Please circle): Married Single Divorced Widowed

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Ph. _____ Cell Ph. _____

E-mail _____

Spouse Cell _____ Spouse E-mail _____

Children Names	Age	Date of Birth
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