

Friendship SBC - Instructions for Baptism

We rejoice with you in your decision to publicly proclaim your faith in Jesus Christ through the ordinance of Baptism. This is the first step in your walk with Christ, and it's lets the church body know that you are now a Christian. But also, we really want you to know what this means for you and for the church.

- First of all, Baptism does not save you, but rather it is a public symbol that you have already placed your faith in trust in Jesus Christ.
- Baptism by immersion represents that the believer is lowered into the death and burial of Jesus Christ, and that your sins have already been washed away. You have already been forgiven. And secondly, when you are raised from the water, it represents that you have been raised to new life with Christ, and you are now a new person with a new spirit that God has given you.
- Baptism is the induction into the local body of Christ, known as the church. Church membership is contingent upon a person having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and therefore it is impossible to be a church member without having that relationship.
- Baptism joins you into the body of Christ through your public profession. Without this public profession, no one is aware of who is a Christian and who is not.

Baptism is a momentous day in the life of a Christian. We welcome you to invite your family to attend the baptism service. Here are a few things that you need to do on the day you are baptized.

1. Bring a towel with you, a plastic bags to take wet clothes home, and a pair of dark shorts or dark pants.
2. Please arrive 10 minutes before service begins , and meet Pastor Robert in the room on the right of the stage to go over instructions.
3. At the end of service, during the invitation prayer, please proceed to the baptistry room and change into your baptism clothes. There is a private place to change, and a person of the same sex will be in that room to assist you.
4. Please let your family know that they are free to sit near the stage, and also to take pictures during the baptism service.
5. Please wear your normal church clothes to church, and also these are the clothes that you will change back into after the baptism.
6. We will provide you with a dark t-shirt to wear during the baptism, and you will also take this shirt home with you to keep.

If you have any questions about the baptism, please contact Pastor Robert Mayfield at rmayfield1983@gmail.com , or call the church office at 704-262-7742.

I am so excited that you are beginning your walk with Christ, and look forward to an awesome celebration through baptism. - Pastor J. Watkins

