

## When Can I Be Baptized?

We generally perform baptisms once a quarter so you will be able to schedule your baptism when it is convenient for you. We encourage you to invite family, friends, and neighbors to share in the experience and we will also send out invitations to them on your behalf if you'd like. After scheduling your baptism, a follow-up letter will be mailed to you that will contain printed invitations for your use, confirm your baptism date, and answer any questions you might have including:

- What time should I arrive?
- Where do I go?
- What do I need to bring?
- What clothes should I wear?
- What should I expect?

Our next 2 Baptism Celebration dates are:

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We hope that this information has helped answer some of your questions concerning baptism. If you have unanswered questions or want to find out how to follow the Lord in baptism: Contact our church office at the number below or fill out the information in this brochure and either mail it to the church or drop it in the offering plate. You'll receive a call from the church to answer any questions or schedule your baptism.

## Guidelines To Continued Christian Growth

We encourage you to:

- Read God's Word each day
- Pray for God's direction each day
- Join a Small Group
- Worship and praise the Lord each Sunday
- Be involved with a church ministry
- Share what Jesus has done for you as often as possible.

Your baptism date is:

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### Things to bring:

You need to bring a complete change of clothes in which to be baptized (Dark Shorts & Shirt). A robe will not be provided. Also, we ask that each person bring a couple of towels and a plastic bag to put your wet clothes in. Please remember to bring a change of clothes and undergarments.

### Suggested People to Invite to the Service:

Parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends. Printed invitations will be included in your follow up letter.

For more information or if you have any questions please call or schedule an appointment with one of our pastors. You can also send an email to [pastor@sardisbaptistcullman.com](mailto:pastor@sardisbaptistcullman.com) and one of our pastors will get back with you.

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## Baptism

The most important decision in your life is to commit all that you are to the God of the universe! It's a life changing moment that affects not only your eternity but also the rest of your life here on earth. Baptism is a way to follow Jesus and His Word in obedience while painting a beautiful picture of the spiritual significance of your commitment.

## Why Should I Be Baptized?

### Jesus Set the Example

*"And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan."* Mark 1:9

### The Bible Commands It

*"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."* Matthew 28:19

## What Does Baptism Mean?

### It Pictures Christ's Burial & Resurrection

*"Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead."* Colossians 2:12

### It Pictures the New Life as a Christian

*"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."* Romans 6:4

Baptism is a picture on the outside of what has happened on the inside. Just as a wedding ring symbolizes your love and commitment to your spouse, baptism symbolizes your love and commitment to Jesus.

## Why Do We Baptize By Immersion?

### Jesus Was Baptized by Immersion

*"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:"* Matthew 3:16

### The Other Baptisms in the New Testament Were Also by Immersion

*"...both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing."* Acts 8:38-39

### This is the Clearest Picture of the Burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

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### The Word "Baptize" Literally Means to "Dip Under Water"

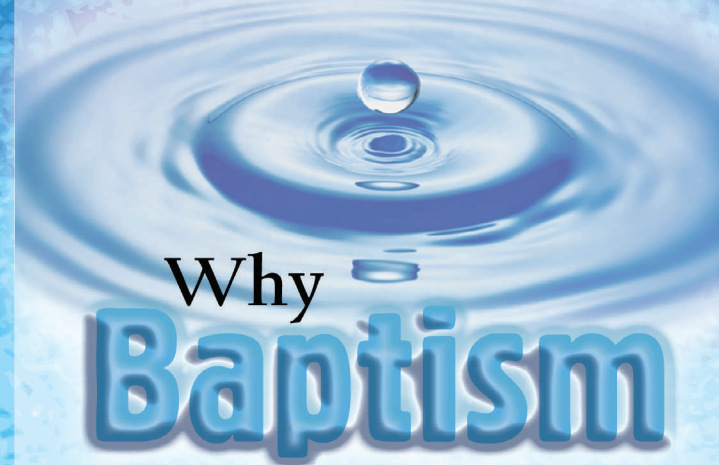
*The Greek word baptize means "to immerse or dip under water."*

## Who Should Be Baptized?

Every person who accepts and believes that Jesus Christ shed His blood to pay their sin penalty should be baptized

*"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."* Acts 2:41

Sardis Baptist Church is very careful to make sure our children are mature enough to accept, believe and understand the basics of salvation and the meaning of baptism before they are baptized.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check All That Apply:

- I would like to schedule my baptism
- I have questions about baptism
- I have questions about becoming a Christian
- I would like to talk to a pastor about baptism

- Married       Single
- Student       College

Your Age Group:

- 18-25       26-29       30s       40s
- 50s       60s       70s       80+

Please drop off in offering plate or mail to:

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