



## Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR? Come dressed in dark colored, modest street clothes you don't mind getting wet. There is a locker room there. Bring a towel and a change of dry clothes to leave in.

MAY I INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO COME WATCH? Absolutely! This is a significant step you are taking and a great time to invite others to be a part. A party will follow on location with pizza, cake and beverages. Invite them to join us.

HOW LONG DOES IT LAST? Your baptism is the focal point of our time together. We will sing a few songs, describe baptism using the Bible, then baptize. The entire service takes about 45 minutes.

WILL I BE ASKED TO TALK? Only if you want to. People love to hear the story of how you became a Christian. We will read your story for you if you prefer.

WHAT ABOUT MEMBERSHIP? Water baptism is required to become a member. Membership is not required to be baptized.

## Rockside Church's Water Baptism Celebration!

(Contact Pastor for Next Water Baptism Date)  
*Independence Community Center*  
6363 Selig Drive, Independence, Ohio 44131  
*Indoor swimming pool (use entrance from parking lot)*

DIRECTIONS FROM ROCKSIDE CHURCH: Turn right/east on Rockside Road. Turn right/south onto Brecksville Road, Route 21. Continue for 1.2 miles and turn right onto Selig Drive. Turn right at the stop sign and make a left into the large parking lot.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING: Those planning to be baptized must attend a brief meeting prior to the Water Baptism service (immediately following the morning service in the main room. Specific dates will be announced in the bulletin or contact the Pastor for info.

CHILDREN: Children attending should bring one parent to the informational meeting and the baptism.



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# Water Baptism

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Independence, Ohio**



**Matthew 28 :19**

*"Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."*

## *What is water baptism?*

Water baptism is an obedient act of physical immersion in water that publicly represents the choice of an individual's decision to follow Christ.

## *Why be baptized?*

Choosing to be water baptized gives support to your decision to follow Christ. It's an issue of Biblical obedience. It is important to follow the example that Christ himself gave as He chose to be baptized by John the Baptist:

*"Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John." Matthew 3:13*

Not only does water baptism solidify your commitment to Christ, but it is a visual reminder to all present of the new life we receive in Christ.

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

## *What age is appropriate for water baptism?*

The Bible gives no age criteria for those who wish to be water baptized. The child should, however, have a clear understanding of water baptism and a personal confession of accepting Christ as Savior. This happens at different ages for all people. We suggest at least age 6.

## *What other details should I know?*

Bring a towel, a Bible, a change of clothes and wear dark, modest clothes that you don't mind getting wet. Turn in this card and plan to attend the informational meeting. Plan to invite family and friends.

## *Water Baptism... an Ordinance of the Church*

### **Baptism in Water**

Once you begin a personal journey with Christ by asking Him to forgive your sins and to come into your life, the Bible spells out clearly that we are then to be baptized in water by immersion to continue our Christian journey. Here are just a few of the many scriptures in support of Christ's commandment.

### **Mark 16:16 NIV**

"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

### **Matthew 28:19 The Message**

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### **Romans 6:4 The Message**

"When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus."

The above information also exists on the Assemblies of God web site at [www.ag.org](http://www.ag.org)



## *Water Baptism Response*

I understand water baptism and would like to follow Christ in this step of obedience.

*Please complete this response card, attach your written out story of becoming a Christian, and turn it in to a staff member at Rockside Church or at the Guest Table. Thank you.*

I am attaching a written copy of my story of coming to know Christ personally. My testimony may be publicized. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age if under 21: \_\_\_\_\_

When did you begin your personal journey making Christ Lord of your life? \_\_\_\_\_

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