

Baptism Instructions

- Please arrive ON TIME, so we know you're ready and we can be efficient.
- Your host will meet you in the hallway just off the library near the kitchen.
- Those being baptized in 1st service (8:30AM), which is a rare occurrence, should arrive no later than **8:00AM**. Those being baptized in 2nd service (10AM) should arrive no later than **9:15AM**.
- Please BRING YOUR OWN TOWEL and a change of clothes; come dressed so that you are modest even when wet. **Wearing shoes that you can easily remove is helpful like flip flops or slides.**
- Your host will give you a baptism shirt and direct you to where you can change.
- Next, our team will take a photo of you to commemorate your baptism.
- *Those being baptized in 1st service might have slightly different directions given when you meet your host. The actual baptism portion will be the same in both services.*
- After your photo, your host will direct you into the church kitchen that is located just off the gym. You can store your belongings there.
- Your host will provide the baptism order and explain the morning after photos.
- Service Schedule: TBD. Typically the baptism is towards the beginning of the service.
- Families may **sit in the front left section** (10AM service); middle or right section (8:30AM service). Reserved seats will be available for immediate family only. Other supporters should arrive early to claim seats. Best viewing is in the front left section in the 10AM service. **You will sit with your family during the service.**
- During either the song or prayer prior to baptism, your host will direct you to the front of the gym near the baptismal where you'll stand in the baptism order.
- Someone will instruct when you get into the water. **The person baptizing you will stand outside the tub** (they won't be getting wet, other than their hands and arms).
- **SPECIAL NOTE: The person performing the ordinance of baptism must be: a believer in Jesus Christ, baptized subsequent to (after) salvation, and in good standing with a local church, preferably, a member of Grabill Missionary Church.**
- While stepping into the tub, your testimony video will play. Once in the tub, you will stand in the middle and face the audience. After the testimony video is done, a staff member will introduce you and any others involved like those baptizing and praying. **The person praying for you could be a staff person, family member, friend or mentor—someone who has had an integral part of your faith journey.**
- After the prayer, you will turn to face the way you entered the tub and then sit, facing the tub's steps.
- Next, as the staff person says the baptizing words, you will cross your arms in front of your chest (pinching your nose with one hand if desired) as the person baptizing you (who is outside the tub) places one hand behind you and one hand on your arm and lowers you backwards (bending only at your waist since you're sitting) all the way under the water and lifts you back up (*typically when you hear the staff person say "Holy Spirit"*). Then, you'll exit the tub the way you entered.
- After everyone is baptized, the host will direct you to the bathrooms where you can change. (Avoid leaving belongings in the bathroom. You may store belongings in the kitchen just off the gym.)
- Once changed, you will return to the service.