

BAPTISM PROCEDURE

Grace Brethren Church
Wooster, OH

- 1) The evening of baptism all candidates should meet in room 204, upstairs beside the baptistry, at 6:30 PM. A member of our pastoral staff will instruct candidates about the baptism service.
- 2) A member of the baptism committee will assist you as you prepare for baptism. Take your time as you enter the pool. Be careful to whisper once you enter – the sound will carry if you speak loudly. Kneel in the water, sitting back on your legs and heels. Your personal testimony will be read. The Pastor* will then instruct you as follows:

“(Candidate’s name), have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and do you desire to acknowledge Him as the Lord of your life?”

After you answer, the Pastor* will place his hands on your head and say, “I now baptize you in the name of the Father...” (place your own head forward under the water), “and of the Son...” (place your head forward under the water), “and of the Holy Spirit” (place your head forward under the water). The Pastor* will help you balance as you are immersed. You may grab your nose, if you wish, before each immersion.

- 3) Following the baptism, the Pastor* will offer a prayer of thanksgiving for your commitment to Christ.
- 4) If another person is being baptized with you, please remain in a kneeling position until both have been baptized. If you are baptized with other family members, one prayer of thanks will be offered for the entire family.
- 5) After changing, please go down the back stairs to reenter the auditorium.
- 6) After the evening service, go immediately to the Fellowship Hall for the Baptism Reception.

We pray that this will be a meaningful service, where Jesus Christ will be exalted and you will be blessed in this act of obedience.

*or the person baptizing you

What to bring: Shorts and T-shirt or swimsuit to wear under the baptismal garment, towel, and personal items.