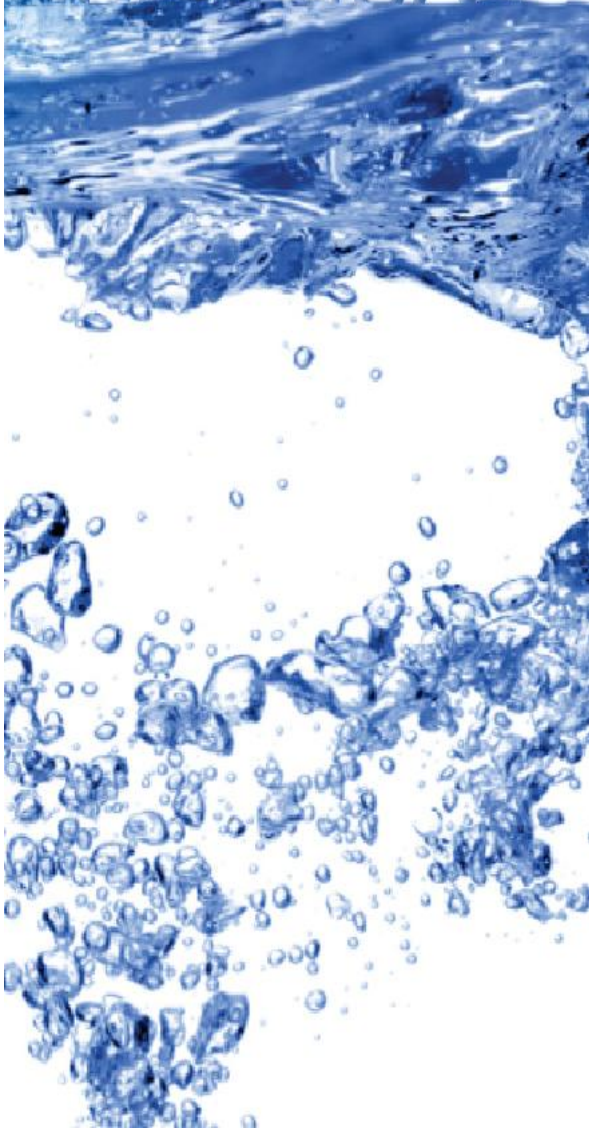


# BAPTISM

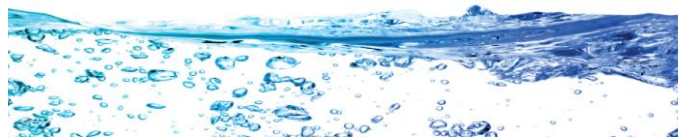


## **WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?**

Christians believe that the blood of Jesus Christ, shed on the cross, provides the sole basis for the forgiveness of sin. Therefore, salvation occurs only when a person places his or her faith in the death and resurrection of Christ as the sufficient payment for his or her sin.

If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, then you are ready to be baptized. Just like a bride and groom show others their love for one another by wearing wedding bands, your baptism is your opportunity to show others that you have accepted Christ and are now walking with Him.

If you have any questions about how to begin a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, please contact the pastor or any member of the church.



## **WHAT BAPTISM SYMBOLIZES**

Baptism is a way of showing others that you have entered into a relationship with Jesus Christ. It symbolizes what took place in your heart at the time of salvation:

- ➔ That you've Accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.
- ➔ That you've Shared in His death and resurrection, illustrated by going under the

*water (dead to your old life), then rising again (new life).*

- ➔ *That you were symbolically washed clean and sins were forgiven by His death on the cross.*

*Because Jesus instructed us to be baptized, baptism is an act of obedience. While it is not necessary for salvation, it demonstrates submission to God. We immerse at EBC because we believe Scripture shows that Jesus modeled that for us as the way to publicly acknowledge our faith in Him.*



### ***INFANT CHRISTENING***

*Some denominations choose to christen infants. While we recognize the right of other churches to practice infant christening, we understand Scripture to teach that only professing believers qualify for baptism. Baptism does not make you a believer, rather it shows that you already believe.*



### ***THE BAPTISM PROCESS***

*The baptism process at EBC has been designed to be both simple and meaningful—each step has been carefully planned with you in mind:*

- (1) Attend the Membership Class: Class 101 will further inform you about the details of baptism and the Lord's Supper and give you an overview of the kind of church we want to be. These classes are scheduled throughout the*

*year. Contact the pastor for information about the next class.*

*[2] Meet with The Church leadership: We would love to hear the story on how you came to trust in Jesus.*

*[3] Prepare Something to say: Though this step is optional, It would be an awesome moment as you share briefly a short testimony as to what Jesus has done for you or what He means to you right before you get baptized.*



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