

# Baptism Registration

## Instructions:

- This form must be completed by the participant (18+) OR child/teen's parent or legal guardian.
- Complete & Return this form to the church office and we will schedule you for the next available baptism date.

<b>Date:</b>
<b>Name:</b>
<b>Phone:</b>
<b>Address:</b>
<b>City/State/Zip:</b>
<b>Birthdate:</b>
<b>T-Shirt Size:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> I have questions about water baptism and would like an elder to call me.
<b>FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18 ONLY:</b>
Parent Name(s):
<b>MINOR CONSENT FORM</b> I am the parent/guardian of the above named child, who is under 18 years of age. I fully understand and support the decision of the child named above to publicly declare his or her faith in Jesus Christ. I therefore, give permission for the child named above to be baptized by full water immersion to express his or her identity in Christ and intention to live for Him the rest of his or her life.  Date: ____/____/_____  _____ Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

## Baptism Day Instructions

### THINGS TO BRING

- Pair of shorts & short-sleeved shirt (darker colors are best). \*If you desire it, we can provide you with a baptismal robe to go over your clothes.
- Towel, personal items like comb, brush, etc.
- Plastic bag for wet clothes & towel
- The family video or digital camera

### WHERE TO GO & WHAT TO DO

- Please arrive **no later than 15 minutes** before service begins. (10:15am)
- Come to the hallway by the church offices to prepare for baptism. This is located through the doors at the front of the sanctuary on either side of the stage. (Ask if you need directions.)
- You will then be directed to the designated changing room is for the day and will meet the Elder or Pastor who will be baptizing you.

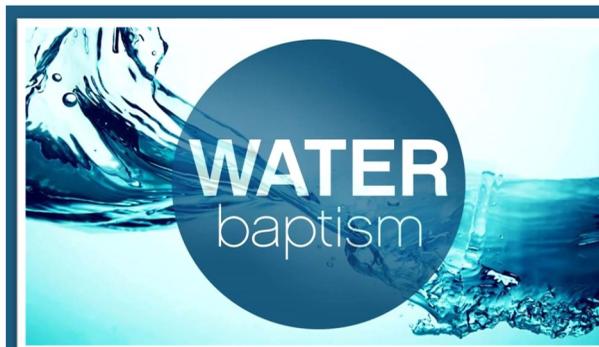
### WHAT WILL HAPPEN DURING BAPTISM?

- When it is your turn, the Elder or Pastor baptizing will say a few things and may ask you a question or two.
- Then he will take a white handkerchief and place it over your nose (You can hold your nose with your hand or hold your breath) and then place his hand on your back and gently immerse you into the water baptismal tank.
- Then it's celebration time! This is a good time for family to get a picture of you. (You can smile and pose if they want.)
- When you are finished you can change in the designated changing room.

**Side Note:** For safety reasons, there will be an assistant for the Elder or Pastor while in the baptismal tank. This person is also there to assist you as you climb up and down the stairs.

### SPECIAL REQUESTS

- Remember to contact the church office ASAP if you need special accommodations due to health and/safety concerns.
- If you have a particular Life Church Elder that you'd like to baptize you. \*We will do our best to accommodate your request, but it is not always possible



## Celebration Service

Offered quarterly  
during our Sunday Service  
at 10:30am  
at the Leavittsburg Campus

Contact the Church Office  
for the next available date.

Pre-registration should be completed  
at least 2 weeks before the baptism date.



### CHURCH OFFICE CONTACT INFO

330-898-1131 ext. 1001  
office@lcogoh.com  
www.lcogoh.com

We are excited that you have expressed an interest in being baptized in water. This is another big step in your relationship with Jesus Christ and we cannot wait to celebrate with you!

Please read all the information in the brochure carefully. It not only helps you to prepare for water baptism but also gives you an opportunity to learn more about it's significance.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the church office at 330-898-1131 ext. 1001.

Sincerely,  
*Rodney Mullins*, Lead Pastor  
*John Galloway*, Executive Pastor

## Before Baptism

### STEP ONE: Baptism Brochure

- **Read this brochure carefully.** Contact the church office if you have questions.
- **Life Church believes in "full immersion" baptism.** In Christian water baptism, the believer is put completely under water, then immediately raised out of the water.

### STEP TWO: Pre-registration

- Complete & return the enclosed Baptism Registration to the church office
- Once we receive your registration, we will schedule you for the next available baptism date.
- Please Note: A parent or legal guardian must sign the consent on a child/teen's pre-registration form.

### STEP THREE: Ask Questions

- If you have questions about Water Baptism, let us know on your registration form or by contacting the church office and an Elder will connect with you.

### STEP FOUR: Invite your family & friends

- Once you have pre-registered, begin inviting family & friends to join you that day. Remind them to arrive by 10:15am so they do not miss your baptism.
- We'd love to send out invites for you! Complete the invite list & turn it in with the pre-registration form & we will mail them.

## Why Be Baptized?

**Matthew 28:19-20** *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always to the end of age.* (NLT)

**Acts 2:38** *Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."* (NLT)

- The number one reason you should be baptized in water is because Jesus instructs you to. By being baptized in water himself, Jesus set an example He expects all of us to follow.  
Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22
- Being baptized in water is one of the first steps you take in becoming a disciple of Jesus. A disciple is not just one who learns about the ways of Jesus, but one who follows those ways as well.  
Matthew 28:19-20
- Becoming a Christian has brought you out of Satan's kingdom and control and put you into God's kingdom under Christ's control. That means you've decided to do what Jesus says and follow His example  
Colossians 1:11-14

## A Decision of Faith

**Romans 6:4** *For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.* (NLT)

- Water Baptism does not save you.
- Water Baptism is a very important step in your new Christian life, but it has no purpose or meaning until after a person has asked Jesus into his heart.
- When you accepted Jesus Christ as your life, you made a decision of faith to receive Him into your heart.

- When you are baptized in water you are making a decision of faith, a declaration in front of all present, to follow Him all the days of your life.
- You are choosing to let Jesus Christ and your new, born-again spirit be in charge of your life.
- Your baptism will always be a reminder of your decision for follow Christ.

## An Outward Picture

**According to the Church of God Statements of Faith, we believe in water baptism by immersion.**

**Colossians 2:12** *For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.* (NLT)

- Water baptism is an outward picture of what Jesus has done for you. Jesus died for your sins, was buried, and then was raised from the dead with resurrection life.
- When you asked Jesus Christ into your heart, there was death, a burial, and a resurrection that happened in your spirit in a moment's time.  
Colossians 2:13-14
- Baptism symbolizes submission to Christ, a willingness to live God's way.
- That's why you go all the way under the water when you are baptized. You are showing people that your old spirit and all your past sins are buried with Christ. When you come up out of the water, you're expressing to everyone that Jesus has given you new life, that you've been born again. Everyone sees a picture of the change that has taken place inside your heart.  
2 Corinthians 5:17

Adapted from the following sources:

- Church of God Statements of Faith
- Life Application Study Bible (NLT); Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.; 2007
- Kids on the Move Salvation Discipleship Course; Willie George Ministries; 1997
- Discipleship U curriculum materials; Water Baptism Lesson by Don Krow

## Baptism for Children

**Children's Devotional Lessons are available through the church office.**

- If your K-5th grade child expresses an interest in water baptism, we encourage you to request a set of our Children's Devotional Lessons
- The devotional lessons will give you and your child an opportunity to discuss and determine if your child has a clear understanding of baptism and that he or she is ready to be baptized.
- Read devotional lessons together. Have your child read complete the questions at the end. Then take time to discuss his or her answers.
- Also take time to discuss what happens at baptism. Remember, Life Church of God believes in "full immersion." This means in Christian water baptism, the believer is put completely under water, then immediately raised out of the water.
- When registering a child or teen, a parent or legal guardian must sign the Minor Consent portion at the bottom of the form.

## Special Requests

**Contact the church office @ 330-898-1131 ext. 1001 or e-mail office@lcgoh.com ...**

- If you have a particular Life Church Elder that you'd like to baptize you.
  - We will do our best to accommodate your request.
  - However, due to schedules, it is not always possible.
- If you need special accommodations due to health and/or safety concerns.

## BAPTISM INVITE LIST

We would like to send invitations to your family & friends to join you for this special day.

Please be sure to give us complete addresses including PO Box # or Apartment # (if applicable).

<b>Name:</b>
<b>Address:</b>
<b>City, State, Zip</b>

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