

## BAPTISM REGISTRATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Have you made a commitment to follow Jesus?  Yes  No

When? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been attending Cornerstone? \_\_\_\_\_

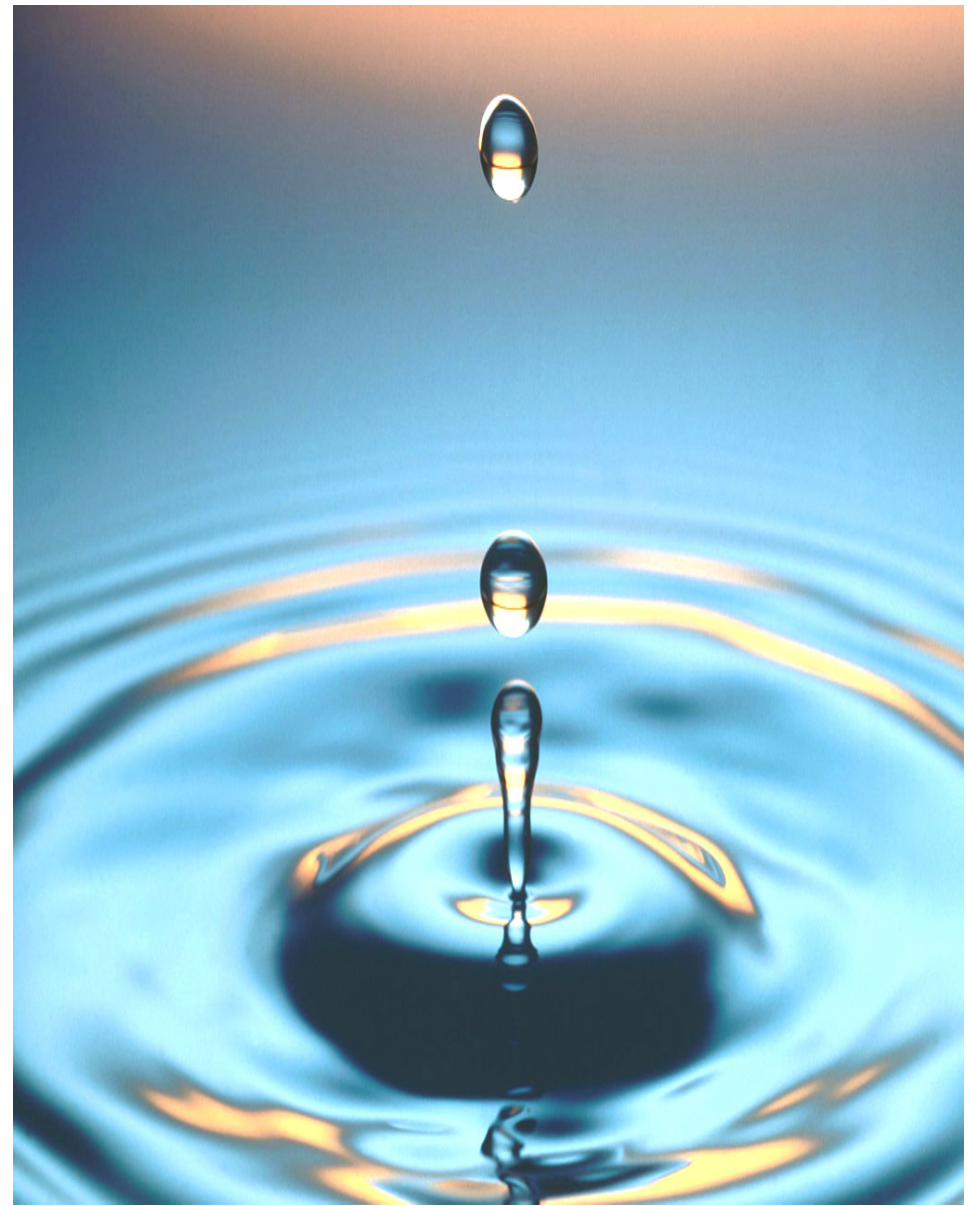
Which service do you normally attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Leave this form in the offering plate, at the Information Center,  
or give to a staff member and we'll get back in touch with you to  
schedule your baptism.



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# baptism

### —WHAT is Baptism?—

Baptism is the public celebration announcing your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It does not save you, purchase your way to heaven, assure you a personal relationship with Jesus or wash away your sins. Baptism is done in obedience to Christ.

### —WHY should I do it?—

*Because Jesus did it.* Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

*Because Jesus commands it.* Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you..."

### —HOW should I do It?—

Followers of Jesus in the Bible were plunged into the water. (Acts 8:35-38): Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." The eunuch answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

The original word in the Bible for Baptized is "Baptizo" and it's specific meaning is "to immerse in a body of water." *Being immersed in the water is symbolic in a couple of ways: It symbolizes Jesus death, burial and resurrection; and it symbolizes your death to sin and your new life in Jesus.* (Romans 6:3-4) Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

### —WHEN should I do It?—

Followers of Jesus in the Bible were baptized right after making a focused commitment of their lives to Jesus. (Acts 16: 19-33): The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized.

*This is a celebration of what God is doing in your spiritual journey!  
Please feel free to invite your friends and family members who can  
celebrate with you at this upcoming baptism event.*

### —What to Bring—

**Men:** Swim trunks or cut offs, towel, comb/brush, large plain white T-Shirt and a plastic bag for your wet clothes and towel.

**Women:** One-piece swimsuit or Dark T-Shirt and shorts, towel, comb/brush, plastic bag for your wet clothes and towel.

**Please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to the start of the Baptism Service.**

### —What Will Happen—

- Change into your swimwear in a restroom or one of the rooms behind stage.
- Your baptizer will meet with the group, pray with everyone and organize the group in order of baptism.
- You will be baptized
- You can then change into your warm, dry clothes and meet up with your friends and family.

### —What will be said during baptism—

"This is our brother/sister in Christ, (First Name) (Last Name).

(First Name), have you made a commitment of your life to Jesus Christ?

*(Your declaration, "Yes")*

Do you believe he has forgiven you of all your sin?

*(Your declaration: "Yes")*

Are you saying before these witnesses that you are following Jesus for the rest of your life.?

*(Your declaration: "Yes")*

Then (First Name) I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*(When you are being baptized, hold your nose and gently sit back as though there is a chair behind you. If you feel you need support, you may hold the baptizer's forearm in front of you to stabilize you as you come back up.)*