

# Northgate Baptism Instruction Information

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Baptism is an outward expression of an inward change. At the same time, we believe it is a means of God's grace in the life of the believer. And, it is our public proclamation of our decision to be a Christ follower.

When you meet with your pastor prior to being baptized, you will be given an opportunity to tell the pastor which of the three methods of baptism you prefer. They are: by immersion, by pouring and by sprinkling.

Just prior to being baptized, your pastor will ask you these questions:

For children under 12...

1. Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and do you desire to be baptized in His name?
2. Do you intend by this act to show the world that you are a Christian and that you will be a loyal follower of Jesus?
3. Do you believe God's Word to be true, both the Old and Testaments?
4. Trusting God to help you, will you resist temptation and keep from doing those things that you know to be sinful or displeasing to God?
5. Will you attend church services and do those things you know a Christian should do?

For children older than 12 and adults...

1. Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?
2. Do you have the assurance that your sins are forgiven through faith in Jesus Christ?
3. Do you renounce Satan and his works?
4. Do you renounce the ungodliness of this world and all sinful desires?
5. Will you live in obedience to Christ?
6. Will you actively participate in the life and ministry of His church?
7. Do you accept the Old and New Testaments as the authority for your life?
8. Will you by this act of baptism testify to the world that you are a Christian?

What to bring and things to be aware of:

If you are being baptized by immersion, please wear pants or shorts and a full top or shirt, preferably of dark colors (this is pretty important). Also, please bring a change of clothes, that you may change into in the restrooms. And, you may wish to bring a towel from home. If not, we have towels.

The fact that you have decided to make this proclamation of your faith is a real blessing to your pastors and to the entire Northgate family. We pray for God's richest blessings to be yours as you follow our Lord's command to be baptized.