



Dear Fellow-believer,

We are grateful to God for your desire to obey our Lord's command to be baptized. Our baptism services are a great blessing to all who attend. Please take the time to read the enclosed material. This should answer many of the common questions people ask about baptism. Please contact the church office at least two weeks before the baptism to let us know of your desire to be baptized.

At MBC, each person being baptized is given the opportunity to tell his/her story of salvation. This is nothing to fear. It is a simple explanation of how you came to faith in Jesus as your Savior and Lord. One of the pastors will be at your side when you share your story.

Enclosed with this letter is a guide for preparing a personal testimony. We suggest that you read it carefully before writing out your testimony. We request 1) a completed baptism Bible study, 2) the page with your contact information, 3) the video/photo permission form and 4) a written copy of the testimony you plan to present at your baptism be given to one of the pastors at least 2 Sundays prior to the date of your baptism. We suggest that you try to keep the length of your testimony to no more than 5 minutes.

We have also enclosed some additional notes about salvation as well as some practical guidelines for baptism. Please feel free to approach one of the pastors or elders if you have any other questions.

For the glory of our God and Savior,

The M.B.C. Elders  
(717) 872-4260



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate your choice below.**

- ☐ I give my permission to Millersville Bible Church to use photos and/or video of my baptism in promotional materials, etc.
- ☐ Please do not use photos or video of my baptism.

**Bible Study in Preparation for Baptism**    Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**A brief study of salvation**

How is God described in Isaiah 6:1-4?

How does Isaiah describe himself and the people after he saw God in Isaiah 6:5?

What conclusion is made regarding the condition of mankind in Romans 3:20, 23?

What remedy for the separation between God and mankind is offered in Romans 3:21-26?

What response does God require in Romans 10:9-13?

What promise does God make to a person who responds to the offer found in these verses?

What does Ephesians 2:8-9 teach about the means of salvation?

Describe briefly your response to God's offer.

**After a person receives God's offer of salvation, baptism is an outward sign regarding what has already happened inwardly. Please study the following verses regarding baptism.**

What did Jesus command His followers to do after He rose from the dead? Matthew 28:18-20

What instructions did Peter give to people on the day of Pentecost? Acts 2:38

What caused Peter to believe that the Gentiles should be baptized in Acts 10:44-48?

How does Romans 6:3-6 help your understanding of the meaning of baptism?

Please explain the reason why you desire to be baptized.

## Testimony Worksheet

The Apostle Peter challenged followers of Christ to “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have,” 1 Peter 3:15

Being prepared to share your testimony is an effective way to give the reason for the hope that you have.

The Apostle John wrote “We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard” 1 John 1:3 He gave written testimony of what he had experienced in his relationship with Christ.

Acts 26:4-23 provides us with Paul’s testimony. His testimony can serve as a model for the development of our own testimony. His testimony is divided into three primary sections.

Acts 26:4-12 describes **his life before his conversion** to becoming a follower of Christ.

Acts 26:13-18 describes **the circumstances of his conversion** to becoming a follower of Christ.

Acts 26:19-23 describes **how his life changed** as a result of his conversion to becoming a follower of Christ.

Therefore, in developing your own testimony, please include these three subjects in your testimony.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**My Life Before Conversion**

**The Circumstances of My Conversion**

**How My Life Has Changed**

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES**

**1. Where?** Millersville Bible Church - 1940 New Danville Pike

**2. When to be there?** The baptismal service usually begins at 10:45 a.m. One of the pastors will meet with you prior to the baptism service to go over procedure and answer any questions. Please provide your phone # and e-mail address to the office when you sign up so that the office can reach you with a date and time to meet.

**3. What to wear for the baptism?**

- a. Men are advised to wear a dark T-shirt, slacks or shorts, and flip-flops or sneakers (to prevent slipping).
- b. Ladies are advised to wear dark slacks or shorts, a dark top, and flip-flops or sneakers.
- c. Bring a COMPLETE change of clothing and a towel. Also, it is recommended that you bring a plastic bag for wet clothing.

**4. The Procedure**

When the time comes to be baptized, the candidate clasps his/her hands tightly in front of him/her. The pastor will take hold of your right wrist and with his arm behind you, lower you into the water.

**5. The Purpose**

Remember! Baptism is a beautiful picture of Christ's death, burial and resurrection, and signifies the change that occurred in your life when you received Christ. It pictures that we have died to our old life and have been raised to live a new life for Christ. This is a very important public testimony of what Christ has already done in your heart.