



MILLERSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

BAPTISM PACKET

Beloved brother or sister in Christ,

We are grateful to God for his saving grace in your life and your desire to follow our Lord into baptism! After a person confesses Jesus as Lord and receives God's offer of salvation, baptism is a powerful outward sign regarding what has already happened inwardly. Our baptism services are a testimony to how Jesus raises us to walk in new life and a great blessing to all who participate and attend.

Please take the time to read the enclosed material. This should answer many of the common questions people ask about baptism. We have also enclosed some additional notes, Bible studies, and practical guidelines to help you prepare 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,
MBC Elders

My To-Do List

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DUE DATE _____

Bible Study

Preparation for Baptism: Part One: Salvation

Read Isaiah 6:1-5

How is God described in this passage?

How does Isaiah describe himself and the people after he saw God?

Read Romans 3:21-26

What conclusions are made regarding the condition of mankind?

What remedy for the separation between God and mankind is offered?

Read Romans 10:9-13

What response does God require?

What promise does God make to people who responds accordingly?

Read Ephesians 2:8-9

What does this passage teach about the means of salvation?

Describe briefly your response to God's offer.



Bible Study

Preparation for Baptism: Part Two: Baptism

Read Matthew 28:18-20

What did Jesus command His followers to do after He rose from the dead?

Read Acts 2:38

What instructions did Peter give to people on the day of Pentecost?

Read Acts 10:44-48

What caused Peter to believe that the Gentiles should be baptized?

Read Romans 6:3-6

How does this passage help your understanding of the meaning of baptism?

Describe briefly the reason why you desire to be baptized.



Personal Testimony

Preparing Your Personal Testimony

"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

Studying Paul's Testimony...

When the Apostle Paul stood before King Agrippa (Acts 26), he spoke simply, logically, and clearly about his life before salvation, how he met Christ, and what his life was like after conversion. Paul's testimony takes three or four minutes to read aloud in a conversational manner. His testimony can serve as a model for the development of our own testimony. His testimony is divided into three primary sections.

Read Acts 26:4-23

How does Paul describe his life before becoming a follower of Christ? (Acts 26:4-12)

How does Paul describe the circumstances of his conversion to becoming a follower of Christ? (Acts 26:13-18)

How does Paul describe how his life changed as a result of his conversion to becoming a follower of Christ? (Acts 26:19-23)



Personal Testimony

Preparing Your Personal Testimony Personal Testimony Worksheet

In developing your own testimony, please include these three subjects in your testimony (following Paul's example). Included are a few questions to help you brainstorm, but please feel free to write in your own personal voice and style.

My Life Before Conversion

- How would you describe your life before becoming a follower of Christ?
 - What were some of your needs, what were you lacking, and what was missing in your life? What solutions for your life did you try that didn't work?
- If you placed your faith in Christ as a child, or were raised in a Christian home, how do you view your spiritual condition before salvation? When did you come to realize your need for a Savior?

The Circumstances of My Conversion

- What caused you to first think about following Christ?
- Tell about how you trusted Christ and understood the good news of salvation

How My Life Has Changed

- As a believer, what difference does Christ make in your life? What changes have you seen?
- What does walking with Christ look like in your day-to-day life?



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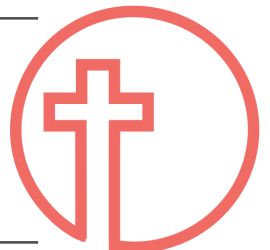
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- I give my permission to Millersville Bible Church to use photos and/or video of my baptism in promotional materials, etc.
- Please do not use photos or video of my baptism.

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Additional Information & FAQ

(Tear this page off and keep it with you!)

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.

When & Where?

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Depending on the season, the baptism may be indoors, outdoors, in the morning, or in the evening. The date and time for each service will be communicated when each baptism cycle is announced. Additionally, one of the pastors will meet with you a week or two prior to the baptism service to go over procedure and answer any more specific questions. Please provide your contact information so that the office can reach you with a date and time to meet.

What to wear?

You are advised to wear dark shirt, pants/shorts, and flip-flops/sneakers to prevent slipping. **Remember you will get wet, light colors will become see-through!**

What to bring?

- A change of clothes
- A towel
- A plastic bag for wet clothes
- A final copy of your testimony that you will read from

The Procedure

When the time comes to be baptized, the candidate folds their arms in front of them. The pastor will take hold of your wrist, and with his arm behind you, lower you into the water.

I'm Nervous!

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. Others being baptized and our church family will be there to support and cheer you on! We look forward to celebrating new life in Christ with you!