

# BAPTISM FAQ'S

## **1. If I have been baptized previously, is there a requirement to be baptized at North Highland?**

*We understand that people have been baptized in different ways and at different ages. We align ourselves as close to the Bible as we can. The Bible teaches immersion and the baptism of those old enough to make their own decisions. (Age of Accountability)*

*We encourage those who have not been immersed or those who were baptized as infants to consider taking this step again as an adult.*

## **2. Can my family get baptized together?**

*YES! If each member of the family fully understands the meaning of baptism and if each member has personally accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior, then we encourage families to get baptized at the same time. (Young ones do need to reach an Age of Accountability). Remember that Baptism is an outward expression of your personal/inward faith. So even though we do love family baptism, we put an emphasis on each individual in the family needing to accept Christ and, therefore, do not view this as a family tradition.*

## **3. Are friends and family welcome?**

*You are encouraged to invite friends and family to attend your baptism. Pictures and celebrations are welcomed during the service. On certain occasions when young children are involved, parents are invited to help the baptizing pastor in the ceremony.*

## **4. What should I bring with me on the day of the baptism?**

*We will provide you with a baptism t-shirt, shorts, and a towel. We suggest wearing a bathing suit under your outfit. You will have time prior to the baptism to change into your baptismal clothes, and the Pastor will dismiss you at the correct time to change.*

## **5. What should I expect on the day of the baptism?**

*On the day of the Baptism, please come to the Highland Room 30 minutes before the service time. You will check-in with the Baptism H.O.S.T. and receive your Baptism bag with the shirt and shorts inside. The following week, we will send out a link with the photos, so make sure your email is correct when checking in with the Baptism H.O.S.T.*

*You will take your bag with you and head towards the Main Sanctuary. Please leave all valuables with someone else, or in a safe place. Once the Pastor dismisses you at the designated time, you will head to the bathroom and change into your Baptismal clothing. After that, everyone will line-up in the hallway, and the Baptism H.O.S.T. will direct you when it is time to enter the sanctuary.*

*During the immersion, you will enter the tank. The Pastor will speak a few words over you and pray for you. You will plug your nose and raise your arm to hold on. They will grab you and immerse you in the water. We will have a towel ready for you when you get out of the tank.*

*After the immersion, you will be directed to the photo opportunity. After that, you will be able to go back to the bathroom and change back into your original clothing. On that day, we will provide hair dryers, hair products, and disposable combs/brushes for you to use, if desired.*