

## **WATER BAPTISM**

Jesus commanded **Water Baptism** for all his followers. He said, "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 ..." (Matthew 28:19 NIV).

Water Baptism does not save. It is a public act memorializing the spiritual change in you when you accepted Jesus as your Savior. It symbolizes identification with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus as well as death to your old self and your resurrection into new life in Christ. Simply stated, Water Baptism is an outward symbol of an inner change. "... for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." (Galatians 3:27 NIV).

At Laurel Mountain Ministries, we believe that **Water Baptism** is by immersion. In the original language of the New Testament, baptism always means to dip or submerge. **Water Baptism** by immersion perfectly portrays death and resurrection as well as spiritual cleansing.

When should I be baptized is a common question? The scriptures leave no doubt to the answer, at your first opportunity after receiving Jesus. The story of Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch directly answers the question. "Then Philip ... 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. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. (Acts 35-38 NIV).

Prior to **Water Baptism** requires a profession of faith. The profession is made to demonstrate your belief that Jesus is your Lord and Savior. (Acts 22:16; Romans 10:9).

If you have not been baptized since receiving Christ, see your pastor or other spiritual leader immediately. If you don't have a Pastor, please complete the request below and Laurel Mountain Ministries will help you get baptized.



## **WATER BAPTISM REQUEST**

| Your Name:                                                                                                                |            | Age:             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| When did you accept Jesus as your personal savior?                                                                        |            |                  |
| If you are 17 years old or younger do you have a parent, family pastor, or representative with you today? Please specify: | y member o | r friend, church |
| Parent(s) Name:                                                                                                           |            |                  |
| Family Member or Friends Name:                                                                                            |            |                  |
| Pastor's Name and Church Affiliate:                                                                                       |            |                  |
| Church Representative's Name:                                                                                             |            |                  |
| <ul><li>Is you Pastor baptizing you?</li></ul>                                                                            | YES        | NO               |
| <ul> <li>Is a Laurel Mountain minister baptizing you?</li> </ul>                                                          | YES        | NO               |
| <ul> <li>Do you have a change of clothes today?</li> </ul>                                                                | YES        | NO               |
| <ul> <li>Do you have appropriate baptismal attire?</li> </ul>                                                             | YES        | NO               |
| • Do you have a Bible?                                                                                                    | YES        | NO               |
| <ul> <li>Do you want a Certificate of Baptism?</li> </ul>                                                                 | YES        | NO               |
| <ul> <li>Are you prepared to offer a verbal profession of faith?</li> </ul>                                               | YES        | NO               |
| <ul> <li>Would you prefer to offer a written profession?</li> </ul>                                                       | YES        | NO               |
| Baptismal Candidate Signature Date LMM Staff                                                                              |            | <br>Date         |

## **Serving Beyond The Walls**