

Get Baptized

You've decided to follow Jesus, so the next step is getting baptized in water!

Getting baptized isn't for the spiritually elite, or those who have "arrived" in their faith - no one ever "arrives" until they get to heaven.

You can be a believer in Jesus without being baptized, but you can't be a fully devoted disciple. Disciples learn and obey what Jesus wants them to do. Jesus said to believe and be baptized.

At North Pointe we baptize believers. It doesn't matter how old or young you are. As long as you are a follower of Jesus you are ready to be baptized. We practise baptism by immersion. Why? Because this is what baptism means - "to dip under" - and its how followers of Jesus in the Bible were baptized.

Going under the water is identifying with Jesus' death. You are saying, "I believe Jesus died for me. He was buried in a tomb. Before I was following Jesus I was dead in my sin. I needed forgiveness to come alive. Jesus forgave me." In coming up out of the water you are saying, "I believe Jesus was raised from the dead. In following Jesus I have new life. I have a new beginning. Old things are passed away."

Being baptized is a way of declaring, "I have decided to follow Jesus - no turning back." In fact, we'll give you a t-shirt to wear that says just that.