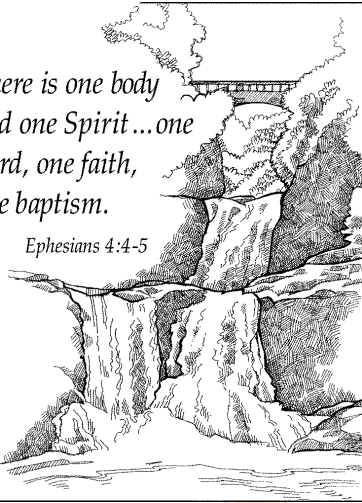


*There is one body
and one Spirit...one
Lord, one faith,
one baptism.*

Ephesians 4:4-5



IN ANTICIPATION OF YOUR BAPTISM . . .

Your baptism will be a powerful testimony to your faith in Christ and willingness to make that faith public. Through it you identify with other believers and you demonstrate your desire to be involved with His people in the local church. Baptism shows outwardly what has already happened inwardly – that through faith in Christ your “old” self is put away and your “new” self – in Christ– is here. Please prepare for this service prayerfully and thoughtfully. *Expect God to bless you and the congregation in a special way during this time!*

Baptism at White Rock Baptist Church is a unique experience for all of us! The setting is a beautiful one and our practice closely resembles how baptism was done in the early church. People will be standing around the baptistry, closer than in more traditional baptismal arrangements. This is no reason to be embarrassed, however. Rather, we trust this will be all the more personal and powerful an occasion for joy and celebration!

Preparation for the Service:

1. Come by the church during the week prior to your baptism and select a baptismal gown and robe which fit you. (You are certainly welcome to wear other appropriate clothing in which you are comfortable.) Call ahead to make sure the pastor is available to meet with you. We will also meet with the baptism attendants, as needed.
2. Select one or more persons you would like to accompany you from the changing area to the baptistry. Have them with you on that Sunday morning.
3. Prepare a brief verbal testimony of your faith in Christ. This is important for you and for all who attend your baptism. The pastor will be glad to assist you in this as you think it through in the days prior to your baptism. You are welcome to write it down and carry it with you into the baptistry.
4. Write a brief paragraph about yourself and deliver it to the church office the week before. It will be printed in the bulletin.

**Please call the church office and/or the pastor
if you have any questions, 505-672-9764.**

The Baptism Service

Come dressed as you would ordinarily. The changing area in the restroom near the Gathering Space is available for your use. After you have changed into the baptismal gown (by approximately 8:55) we will meet in the alcove outside the restrooms. We will have prayer together and make certain everyone is prepared for the events of the morning.

The baptism is typically at the beginning of the service. We will proceed together from the changing area to the steps leading into the baptistry. The person(s) you select to stand with you will accompany you, carrying the robe.

After a brief introduction, we will begin. The pastor will call you into the baptistry and introduce you to the congregation. You will have a chance to give your testimony then. The event will be captured on both video and still photography.

As you leave the baptistry, following your baptism, you will be met at the step by the person who came with you. This person will help you put on the white robe. You may then return to the changing room (or remain for other baptisms, as you desire.) When all baptisms are complete, the congregation will return to the sanctuary for the rest of the worship service. During the fellowship time, after the worship service, a cake with your name will be provided so the entire congregation may celebrate this wonderful event in your Christian journey.