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Baptismal Candidate Form

Please complete this short worksheet and return to Pastor **before** the baptismal service! Thank you.

1. **Remember that baptism is an ordinance instituted by Christ and commanded for believers.**
Matthew 28:18-20. Baptism declares to the eye that which has **already** taken place in the heart. It reveals the fact of your burial WITH Christ (sins forgiven), your being raised out of the water reveals you being born into a new life, by the power of God, to live for the glory of God.
2. **You will need to bring the following items:**
 - a. A complete change of clothes...
 - i. Ladies: dress, skirt or culottes and blouse and undergarments
 - ii. Men: slacks, shirt and undergarments
 - b. Large bath towel
 - c. Men's handkerchief
 - d. Hair dryer if desired.
3. **Instructions:**
 - a. Put on a baptismal gown located in the dressing room.
 - b. Enter the baptismal pool carefully and sit with hands folded together, held out from chest, and feet together.
 - c. Pastor will say, "On the authority of Jesus Christ and your profession of faith in Christ, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen"
 - d. Take a deep breath, close your eyes and mouth. Pastor will place the handkerchief over your mouth and nose to keep the water out. Pastor will lower and raise you in approximately 5 seconds.
 - e. When you are upright, Pastor will remove the handkerchief from your mouth and nose. Breathe out through your nose.
 - f. Leave the baptismal pool quickly and enter the dressing room.
 - g. Leave the baptismal gown in the dressing room.
4. **Please complete the following information.**

Do you have any doubts about your personal faith in Jesus Christ? ____ Yes ____ No

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Birth Date: _____

Date you came forward for baptism: _____ Date of actual baptism: _____

If you under 18 you need to get your parents signature of approval: _____
(Parent's Signature)