



# GERMANTOWN Baptist Church

## **GUIDE TO SCHEDULING YOUR BAPTISM: ADULTS**

The Pastor and staff of Germantown Baptist Church are thrilled to hear of your desire for baptism!

In order to help make this step of obedience as meaningful as possible for you, we have prepared this guide to help you walk through the process and answer any questions you may have.

### **1. WRITTEN PERSONAL TESTIMONY:**

Prepare a written testimony. The goal of writing your testimony is to share your story with others of how you reached the point of understanding and accepting that you needed to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

A testimony guide is attached to assist you with writing your testimony in your own words. *(This template is also available online at [www.germantownbaptist.org](http://www.germantownbaptist.org).)*

### **2. BAPTISMAL COUNSELING:**

Please contact a staff member to schedule your baptism counseling session to discuss your decision and to review your testimony. It is recommended that you contact the pastor related to your age group/division.

Students (6 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> grade)		260-5763
College, Career & Singles	Wes Franklin	260-5758
Young & Median Married Adults	Josh Creason	969-5803
Senior Adults	John Longworth	260-5776
Anyone	Dennis Rasche	260-5754

### **3. RECORDED TESTIMONY:**

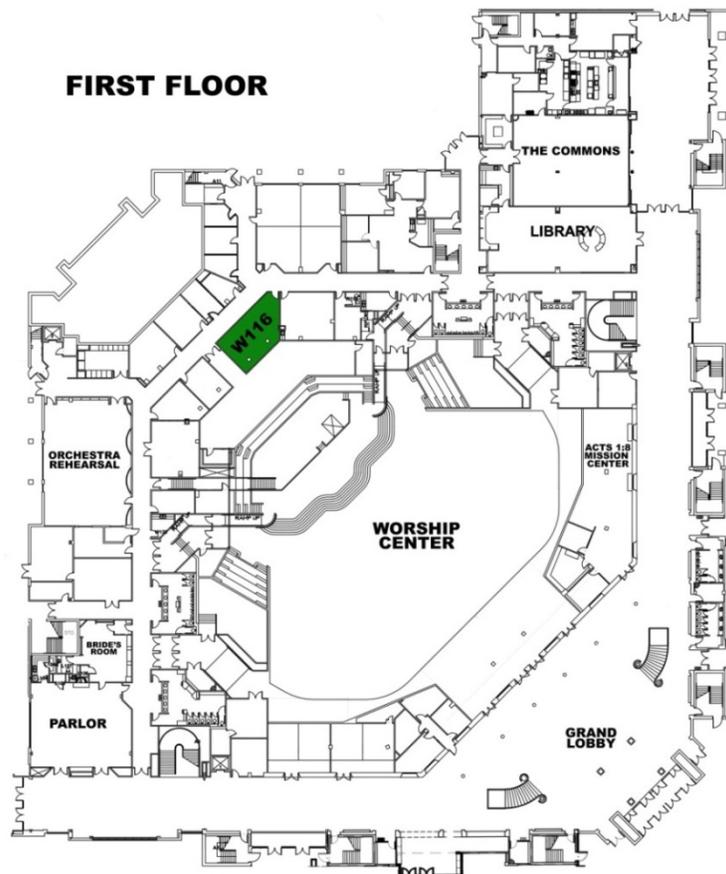
Your recording and baptism will be scheduled after review by a staff member of your written testimony. At the time of your baptism, a recording of your testimony may be played for the congregation. The Holy Spirit may choose to use your decision and testimony to inspire others to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior and be baptized as well.

The recordings are done by members of the Communications/Media staff. Please contact the Communications Office directly at 260-5776 to schedule the recording OR contact the Mobilization Office at 260-5712 for assistance.

Recordings will need to be scheduled **two weeks prior to baptism** with the recording taking place **one and a half weeks prior to baptism**. (For example, if you desire for baptism to be on Sunday, April 15th, the testimony will be recorded on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, and the recording will need to be scheduled by **noon** on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.)

Recordings will take place in room **W-116** (the studio across from room L-115) on Wednesday evenings **between 5:30 and 6:30**. (See map below.) Allow ten to twenty minutes for your recording. (Due to time constraints, the audio testimony played for the congregation may be edited.)

Recording Studio W116

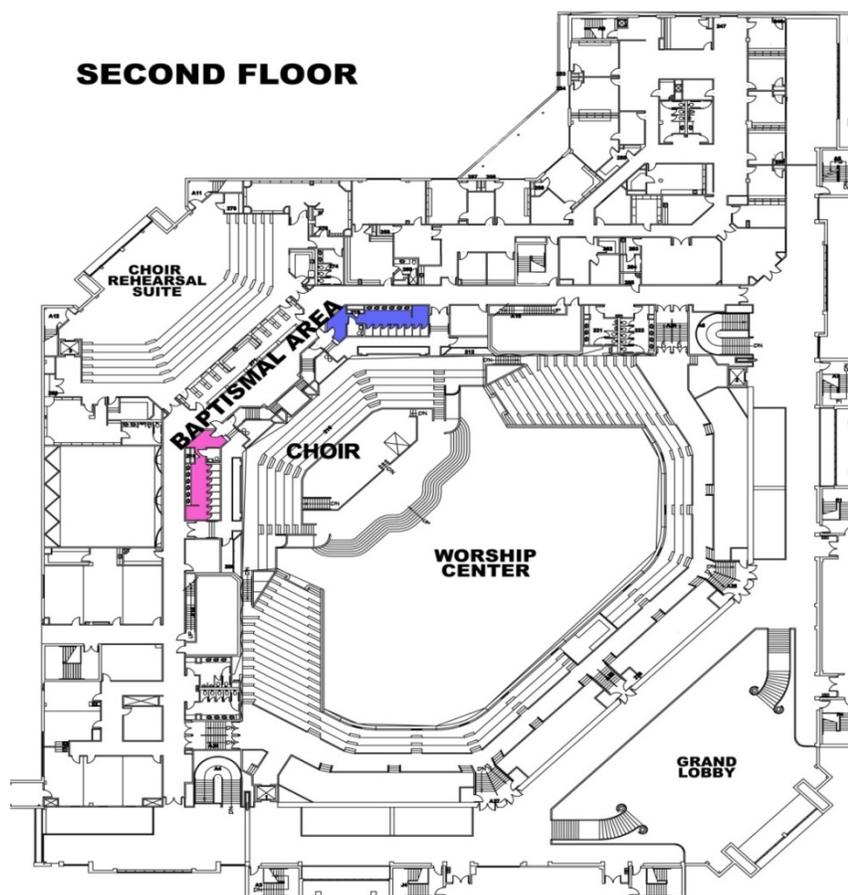


#### 4. BAPTISM

To schedule a date for the baptism, please contact the Mobilization office at 260-5712. On the day you are scheduled to be baptized, please bring with you two towels and a change of undergarments. You will want to wear a T-shirt and shorts under your baptismal robe. If you require a hair dryer, please bring it with you. You may also wish to bring a bag for your wet clothes.

The Baptismal Dressing Rooms are located on the second floor behind the sanctuary by the Music Rehearsal Hall (see map below). Please arrive at this area **at least fifteen minutes before the service**. If you arrive before a pastor and/or the baptism ministry team member, please wait for them. They will help you prepare for your baptism.

#### Baptismal Dressing Rooms



#### 5. **DVD:** (OPTIONAL)

If you would like to have a DVD of your baptism, please complete the “**Baptismal Service DVD Order**” form. This form is available in the Baptismal rooms and in the Mobilization Office. Return your completed form and payment to the Information Desk OR to the Communications Office. The DVD will generally be available for pickup at the Information Desk on the Sunday following your baptism. If you have questions about the DVD, please contact the Communications Office at 260-5776.

*Your church family looks forward to walking with you in your new life in Jesus Christ. If you have questions about the baptism process or if we may be of assistance to you, please contact the Mobilization Office at 260-5712.*

### Baptismal Service DVD Order

If you would like to obtain a video copy of your baptism, please return this form to the **Information Desk** or to the Communications Office.

DVDs will generally be available for pickup at the **Information Desk** on the Sunday *following* your baptism.

If you have questions, contact the Communications Office at 260-5776.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ Service: 10:30 am Only

Number of DVDs ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **GUIDE TO WRITING YOUR TESTIMONY**

A “testimony” is a “*declaration by a witness.*” To testify is to give evidence or proof of the truth. When you give your testimony, you are verifying the Gospel – the Good news of Jesus Christ, your Savior. (*See as an example, the testimony of Paul in the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts.*)

The goal of writing your testimony is to share your story with others of how you reached the point of understanding and accepting that you needed to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Revelation 12:11 tells us, “*And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony...*” The Bible also tells us in 1 Peter 3:15 to always be ready “*to give an account for the hope that is in you.*”

Writing your testimony will help you briefly declare the truth, and it will be a tool for you to use as you share with others what Jesus Christ has done for you. In addition, God will be glorified as you tell how He saved you.

Attached is a sample outline that you may wish to use. You do not have to use this form. This is just a suggested pattern to follow. (Do not strive to use fancy church words - just write the truth using your own words. Try to be clear and concise.)

1. Explain how you learned about Jesus. Who loved you enough to share with you about Jesus?
2. What made you realize you were a sinner and separated from a Holy God? Of what sin did you need to repent? (“*Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.*” 1 John 3:4)
3. Briefly describe your decision to receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior (“*But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.*” John 1:12) and (“*that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.*” Romans 10:9-10)
4. Share what is different in your life now that you are a follower of Jesus.





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**My Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Date for Audio Recording: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Date for Baptism: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

To be Baptized by: \_\_\_\_\_

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