



## **Baptism Hosting Kit Provided by The Ridge Community Church**

### **Prior to the Baptism:**

- *Baptism: An Expression of Faith* - A booklet that provides information to assist in making a decision about being baptized.
- Baptism Host Information – Assists the host in what to say and is meant to be used as a guide; see below.
- “I Have Decided” t-shirt – Individual to wear during baptism.

### **To Be Given to the Individual After Baptism:**

- Baptism Certificate – Documents an individual’s baptism.
- *Baptism: What’s Next?* – A booklet that provides next steps.
- Bible

## **Baptism Host Information**

Thank you for hosting a baptism! The individual(s) being baptized might be nervous, but you can help calm their nerves by walking them through the process and praying with them. Enjoy being part of this person’s faith journey!

### **Share Information Publicly.**

Making the decision to be baptized is a significant step in a person’s life as they follow Jesus. Baptism is an act of obedience and a public statement of someone’s faith. It is an outward sign of a person’s commitment to follow Jesus Christ. Thank you for joining us today to celebrate!

## **What to Say to the Person Being Baptized.**

Today you are identifying yourself as a follower of Jesus Christ. Through your baptism you are publicly declaring your faith in Jesus. Baptism symbolizes Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. When you go down into the water, you are identifying with Christ's death and burial, and as you raise up out of the water you are identifying with Jesus' resurrection. As you come out of the water, imagine God saying to you, "This is my child, with whom I am well pleased."

Romans 6:4 says, "For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives."

Now is the time where you can publicly share your faith as I ask you some questions.

- Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God? *Yes*
- Do you believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins? *Yes*
- Are you ready to publicly declare your faith in Jesus by being baptized? *Yes*
- Would you like to say anything?
  - *This is an opportunity for the individual to briefly share why they decided to be baptized or to talk about their faith in Jesus.*

## **Pray.**

You can say this prayer, or use your own words:

*Jesus we are thankful that you died on the cross for our sin and had victory over sin and death. The fact that you rose from the dead gives us hope that someday we will be with you in heaven. Father, I thank you for (Name of Individual) and his/her decision to follow Jesus. God, protect (Name of Individual) and help him/her grow in his/her faith.*

*In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

## Baptism.

- Step into the water.
- Have the individual use one hand to plug their nose.
- Put one hand behind the individual's back and one hand on the arm of hand plugging their nose.
- When ready, say, **"I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."**
- Gently guide the individual backwards into the water and raise the person out of the water.
- Celebrate with clapping and cheering!

