

BAPTISM VIDEOS

TELL YOUR STORY

TIMELINE:

Baptism classes are held **two weeks before** your baptism. You will meet with a pastor at EBBC who will guide you through the process of being baptized, and answer any questions you might have!

Typically, baptism classes will be held on the second Sunday of the month, and the baptism on the fourth Sunday.

You will be given the information on your baptism video testimony. We want to give you plenty of time to think through your testimony, and **pray** about it. So take a few days to prepare!

Then, within 72 hours of the baptism meeting, our Graphics & Media Specialist will send you an email to schedule a time to record your testimony.

After filming your video, you just have to show up on Sunday morning to be baptized!
(Our pastors will walk you through this process at the class)

WHY A VIDEO?

One of the most powerful aspects of baptism at East Brandywine Baptist Church is the process of giving your testimony on the video that is shown right before your baptism. This is a great way for people to hear your testimony, which is also known as your personal story (Your experience of coming to know Christ, explaining how God has impacted, and *is* impacting your life). Through video, the congregation gets the opportunity to witness God's power in a real person's life. Your testimony is stronger than you might think!

We have gotten this question plenty of times.... "Do I *have* to do a baptism video?" The answer is yes. Baptism is a public statement of faith in Jesus Christ, and a great way to share the good news of Jesus to the congregation! It also gives you the chance to express to your loved ones, friends, or even strangers that God has done wonderful things in your life!

We know that some of you may be camera-shy or nervous about giving your testimony, but our Graphics & Media Specialist strives to make this process a smooth, easy, and comfortable experience for you. Our Graphics specialist will coach you through your testimony when recording your video. However, you do have to **prepare, pray, think through**, and **practice** your testimony before coming in to record. We do film digitally, so we can do as many takes as is necessary. But, practicing *before* filming is essential.

Overall, we want baptism to be a meaningful experience, and we look forward to walking with you through this process!

If you have any questions about what baptism is, or about the video, contact our lead pastor, Brian Fuller:

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THE VIDEO

Since we do not enter the world as Christians, the questions to be answered about your salvation experience/ baptism request are:

1. **When** and **how** did you receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?
 - a. What was life like before Christ?
 - b. Describe the moment you accepted Christ (we realize not everyone knows the *exact* time this took place, but try your best!
 - c. What is life like after Christ?
2. **Why** have you decided to be baptized?
3. **Who** would you like to thank? (I.e. who actively led you to Christ, Life group members, Pastor, Friend? etc....)

Before coming in to record:

1. **Think, pray, and meditate** about the answers to these questions (your story)
2. **Write out** the answers to these questions on paper (tell your story, but on paper)
3. **Practice** saying your story out loud (Practicing to a mirror really *does* help!!)
4. **Practice** saying your story to your family
5. **Practice** saying your story enough so that you feel comfortable saying it to a camera (*without a script*)

These videos will usually range between 1-4 minutes in length, so the more specific you can be about your story, the better it will come across to the congregation.

When scheduled to film a testimony, we ask that each person be on time to his or her scheduled recording session. Plan to be here for about an hour at most. We like to give you 15 minutes to get ready to film, or ask any questions that you might have. Then we will take as much time as we need to record! (Usually recording only takes 15-30 minutes).

*If you have not scheduled a time to film your story before your baptism date, your baptism will be pushed back until the next scheduled baptism date.

For Children

Children do not usually have many details to offer about 'what life was like before Christ', so we begin with question 2 above, and encourage them to share a *memorized* Bible verse if possible. PLEASE PREPARE A VERSE BESIDES JOHN 3:16. Perhaps choose a verse that AWANA or ebbcKIDS has been teaching lately.

