

BAPTISM PROCEDURE AT SOUTHERN GABLES

1. At the appropriate time in the service of worship the pastor enters the water and introduces the baptism.
2. The first candidate is called by name and enters the water.
3. The pastor asks "Are you trusting in Jesus Christ as saving-Lord?"
4. The pastor asks the candidate to speak his/her testimony (which is written out before hand and reviewed by the pastor).
5. The pastor says, "Upon your confession of faith in Jesus Christ as saving-Lord, I now baptize you in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
6. The candidate is baptized
7. A person selected by the candidate and approved by the pastor then leads in a short prayer for the candidate before the candidate leaves the water.
8. You leave the baptistery and go to change clothes (usually to the restrooms in the nearby west wing), and return to the worship service.