

FAQs – Baptism at Vineyard Columbus

◆ How can I get baptized at Vineyard Columbus?

- STEP 1: Attend one of the mandatory baptism classes (dates in The MIX or at vineyardcolumbus.org)
- STEP 2: Complete and submit your Application for Baptism at the class.

◆ What if I am 10-18 (not yet graduated from high school) years old?

- If you are between the ages of 10-18, you must attend the Youth Baptism class offered simultaneously with the Adult Baptism classes.
- You must have your parent's sign the Application for Baptism.
- You must be at least 10-years old to be baptized at Vineyard Columbus.

◆ When is the next baptism?

- Baptism takes place six times throughout the calendar year. Please contact baptism@vineyardcolumbus.org for information about our upcoming Baptism and class dates.

◆ What do I need to do on the day of my baptism?

- Please arrive in room EL01 ½ hour prior to the service to sign-in and receive your baptism shirt. This is a good opportunity to ask any questions you may have.
- Change into clothing you wish to be baptized in and place your nametag on your shirt.
- Section "1" in the auditorium (right in front of the baptismal) is reserved for baptism participants, family and friends.
- At the beginning of the service (6pm on Saturday/9am & 11:30am on Sunday) line up along the wall on the right side of the stage. When Rich is introduced you will proceed to take your place on the stage.
- Rich will address you briefly about your faith in Christ and the significance of your baptism and release you to exit the stage.
- Line up along the wall on the right side of the stage in **numerical order** according to the number on your nametag.
- The Prayer Ministry Team will provide a time of personal prayer as you wait to be baptized.
- We will guide you in the process of entering the tank. Be sure to hold onto the railing going down the steps.
- Upon exiting the tank you will be given a towel and proceed down the back hallway to the baptism dressing room (women), or men's restroom (men).
- After dressing, deposit towel in hamper provided in baptism dressing room and return to the service.
- Following the service we hope you will attend the baptism reception. Prior registration is required. Sign up the number of guests on the sign-in sheet during the baptism class or email our Baptism Coordinator at Baptism@vineyardcolumbus.org no later than the Sunday prior to the Baptism.

◆ What if I need translation for the baptism class?

- We believe that baptism is very important! We want to ensure you understand everything presented in the Baptism class. If you need translation, please have a personal interpreter accompany you to the class.

◆ What should I wear to my baptism?

- You should wear dark colored shorts or lightweight pants, we will provide a t-shirt.
- No sweatpants or blue jeans, please! These retain too much water.
- Dress modestly. Please consider what your clothes will look like when wet.

◆ May I invite friends and family to attend my baptism?

- Absolutely! We will have a dinner reception following the worship service. You may invite a maximum of 15 Vineyard guests and an unlimited number of non-Vineyard guests to celebrate this special occasion with you. Please RSVP the number of guests to baptism@vineyardcolumbus.org no later than the Sunday prior to the event!
- Printed invitations are available for you to pick-up at the baptism class.

◆ What if I have other questions about baptism?

- If after reading through the baptism materials and attending a baptism class you still have questions, please contact us at baptism@vineyardcolumbus.org and we will get back to you promptly with a call or email!