



*Baptism
Class*

Baptism is a Personal Commitment

I must be born again.

John 3:3,5: Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the Kingdom of God unless he is born again.... I tell you the truth, no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless he is born of water and spirit."

Are you willing to devote your life to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

I must repent.

Acts 2:38: Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Repent (Greek: metanoeo): a willful change of direction and purpose; forsaking sin and turning in total commitment to Jesus Christ.

Are you willing to turn away from sin and turn to God?

I must desire a new way of life in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:15: And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.

Are you willing to adopt Christ's way of life as your own?

Benefits of Water Baptism

I HAVE BEEN:

1. Crucified with Christ

Colossians 2:12: ... having been buried with Him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

2. Given a New Way of life

Romans 6:3-4: Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We are therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

3. Freed from the Power of Sin

Romans 6:5-7: If we have been united with Him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with Him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

4. Forgiven

1 John 1:9: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

5. Given a New Identity in Jesus Christ

Galatians 2:20: I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

6. United in Covenant Relationship with God

John 14:6: I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Matthew 10:32: Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.

Acknowledge (Greek: homologeo): make a confession, promise; enter into covenant.

7. Sealed with the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:13-14: Having believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of His glory.

8. Made a Member of God's Family

Galatians 3:26, 28: You are all sons of God through faith in Jesus Christ. ...There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

9. Made a Member of Christ's Church

Romans 12:5: So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

10. Affirmed by God

Matthew 3:16-17: As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased."

Baptism Testimonies

You will have the opportunity to share your personal testimony with the church after you enter the baptismal. Testimonies can be written out before the baptism and taken into the baptismal.

Your testimony should not be longer than a minute and contain:

Your name

Your age

Why you want to be baptised

After you have completed your testimony, the baptizer will immerse you and pray for you.

Baptism Service

Please come to the main auditorium 20 minutes before the service for pre-baptism instructions.

- Arrive at 8:40 AM for the 9 AM service
- Arrive at 10:40 AM for the 11AM service

The pre-baptism meeting room is in the left front corner of the auditorium by the baptism tank.

Wear clothes suitable for baptism - shorts or swimming trunks.

Bring a towel and change of clothes.
Sign-in and pick up your Koinonia T-Shirt.

The baptism leader will review the baptism process with you and lead you through the baptism service.

After you have been baptized you can change your clothes and return to the service.

Reserved seating is available in the left front section of the auditorium for family and friends.

Continuing Your Relationship with Christ

Starting Point

Starting Point is a time to explore faith in an open environment for:

Seekers –Those who are curious about God, Jesus and Christianity.

Starters—those who have begun a relationship with Jesus.

Returners—those who have some church experience, but have been away for a while.

Go to kchanford.com/next to find out when the next classes begin.

Baptism is a significant event in the life of every Christ follower. Because of this, baptism videos are offered online at kchanford.com/media. Videos are posted within one week after the service.

If you would like a DVD of your Baptism just follow the steps below. **Each DVD is \$5.00.**

1. Cut out the coupon below, write your name and the service date and time you were baptized.
2. Insert the coupon, along with payment and your mailing address, into a tithe envelope and bring it to Guest Services.
3. We will mail the DVD to you within two weeks.

Please note: Baptism services are recorded, but we do occasionally experience technical difficulties beyond our control. Your DVD is not guaranteed. Your family and friends are welcome to take photos and videos of your baptism.

Baptism DVD Order Form

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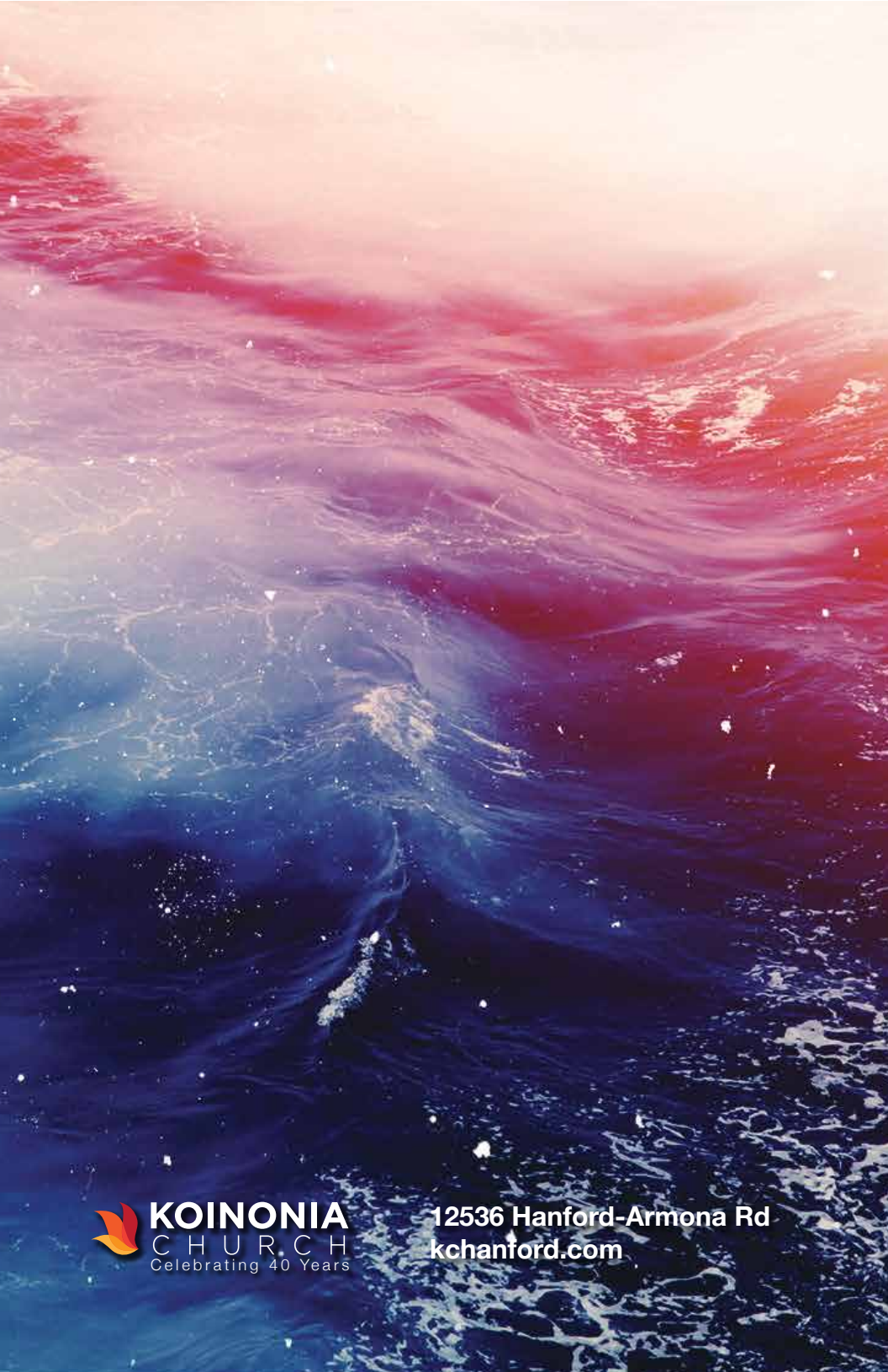
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