

August 28-29  
**Baptism 2010**  
the celebration is coming

**Where is the Baptism celebration?**

Granger Campus – East Lawn  
Elkhart Campus – RV Hall of Fame

**Who should be baptized?**

Every person who has become a Christ-follower. It is a public declaration of your commitment to follow Jesus.

**Why should I be baptized?**

Jesus commands it.

Jesus said, *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, **baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”* - Matthew 28:19-20

**What should I do if I want to be baptized?**

- ❖ **Register** at *GCCwired.com* or with a registration form available at Guest Services.
- ❖ **Select your Campus** – Granger or Elkhart

**What do I wear?**

- Wear dark pants like blue jeans. Shorts are OK, but be discreet.
- White shirt. Remember ladies, you will be wet. Please wear a bathing suit or appropriate clothing underneath to avoid any embarrassment.
- Bring a towel.
- You may want to wear flip-flops when you go into the pool.

## What is the schedule?

Baptism will take place immediately following these weekend services:

### Granger Campus

**Saturday, August 28 at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m**

**Sunday, August 29 at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**

### Elkhart Campus

**Sunday August 29 at 10:30 a.m.**

- Check in for baptism prior to your choice of service.
- Receive your name tag.
- Attend service.
- After service proceed to the baptism area outside. Area will be clearly marked and roped off at each campus.
- Volunteers will help guide you throughout the process.
- Wear your name tag high on your shirt so the pastors can see your name.
- Parents may accompany elementary school-aged children. Your spouse, a family member or friend may accompany you into the pool. Others may view your baptism up close at the poolside.
- Elkhart Campus will be having a picnic during the baptism celebration, so there will be space to spread out blankets and chairs and enjoy a picnic meal you bring with your family.

## What can I expect?

Large swimming pools will be assembled on-site. A large platform with stairs will be constructed to allow for easy and safe access into the pool. You will ascend the stairs and descend a ladder into the water. Volunteers will be on the platform and in the pool to help. A team of pastors will be in the pool as you enter the water. The pastors will ask you a few simple questions regarding your decision to give your life to Christ and your desire to publically identify yourself as a follower of Jesus through water baptism.

You will be asked to grasp your wrist with your opposite hand. This will allow you to hold your nose if needed while providing the pastors with a “handle.” The pastors will hold your back with one hand while grasping your arms with the other easing you backward, immersing you into the water and raising you up again.

After your baptism you will be assisted out of the pool via the ladder and exit the platform via the stairs.

**This is an important step as you publicly identify yourself as a follower of Jesus.  
Bring your friends and family to the service to share in the entire experience with you.**