

FLAT SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sanford, North Carolina

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I. Purpose

The committee will assist in the Ordinance of Baptism at Flat Springs Baptist Church.

II. Definitions

Baptismal Committee - members of Flat Springs Baptist Church selected by Nominating Committee and approved by church members.

III. Procedure

1. Committee members to serve from September 1 through August 31 of each church year.
2. Baptismal services shall be conducted ONCE A QUARTER or as directed by the Board of Deacons.
3. The Baptismal Committee will assist the baptism candidate and Pastor before, during and after the service.
4. White robes are available (in most sizes) for those who choose to use them. Those who choose to not wear a robe are asked to wear a thick, white shirt and dark pants/skirt.
5. The baptismal candidates are instructed to bring towels, plastic bag for their wet clothing, new change of clothes, and any toiletry items needed (i.e. hairdryer, comb, makeup, etc.)
6. Extra towels and plastic bags will be provided to the candidates if needed.
7. Ladies and young girls will be baptized first – youngest to oldest. (So they may have time to prepare themselves for returning to the regular church service).

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8. After the baptismal service, the candidates should wait for each other and return to the regular church service as a group and sit together (for better organization and a more professional looking baptismal service).
9. Certificates will be given to the individuals at the end of the regular church service by the Pastor or Deacon of the family.

IV. Responsibilities

1. The baptistery will be cleaned prior to the service.
2. The pool will be filled with water (approximately 4 hours).
3. The pool heaters will be turned on after the pool is full (approximately 19-24 hours for the pool to heat up, depending on the season).
4. The committee member(s) will cover all entrances and exits of the baptismal pool with plastic and towels to protect the carpet and flooring.
5. After the baptismal service the committee members will remove all plastic, towels and used robes and wipe up any excess water.
6. A member of the baptismal committee is responsible for drying, folding and returning the robes to the appropriate area.
7. All supplies (robes, towels, plastic) will be stored in appropriate area.
8. If approved by the Board of Deacons, other churches may use our baptistery. The baptismal committee will perform the same duties as listed above.

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V. Related Documents

VI. Supersedes Document

Revisions

<u>Revision Level</u>	<u>Revision</u>	<u>Revision Made By</u>
0	Original 10-12-03	
1	6/9/2013	Baptismal Committee
2	12/13/2015	BC – Reviewed & Revised