

# Baptism Application

At Cornerstone, our Articles of Faith say, “Our church is committed to the observance of the ordinances of the Lord’s Supper (communion) and baptism after confession of faith.” (V.12). Our church baptizes anyone who has repented of their sins and put their faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. This does not mean we are perfect, we all go through ups and downs, but that each of us is a disciple who seeks to follow Jesus. Baptism is an opportunity to symbolically follow Jesus into his death and resurrection (Romans 6:1-11). As Pastors and Elders, we want to lead you through into this moment with the greatest care. Because of this, we ask for four things:

## **1. A demonstrated commitment to Christ prior to your baptism**

Before we baptize you, we want to see you love Christ and grow in your knowledge of him over a period of time. How can you do this? Serve in a ministry at the church, join a small group, attend the weekly worship service faithfully, talk about Jesus with others, get to know us.

## **2. Write and submit your Faith Story**

Please write down, in 850 words or less, how you came to know Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Maybe you had a very clear conversion or perhaps a longer story that was more like a pilgrimage. Both ways of sharing are outlined in the Cornerstone Playbook.

## **3. Meet with a Pastor or Elder to discuss**

We want to meet with you in person to hear your story, fellowship, and encourage you. We will ask you questions about your faith story and pray for you. Parents, if your child is seeking baptism, please come with them.

## **4. Commit to faithfully attending and serving a Christ-centered church going forward**

A faith that lasts needs friends, fellowship, and most importantly, discipleship. We want to help you do that longterm. Believers may undergo tests or trials after their declaration of faith in Jesus at their baptism. We want to walk with you through whatever comes next. Prayerfully consider committing to serving and attending Cornerstone for a period of time after your baptism.

*I commit to faithfully attending and serving at a Christ-centered church after my baptism. I will maintain my commitment to my Cornerstone family, maturing and growing in the faith, and encouraging others by serving in one of the church’s ministries and attending the weekly service, until the Lord calls me elsewhere.*

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Email:

Phone: