

Writing and Recording Your Testimony:

One of the most powerful aspects of baptism at Cherry Hills is your own unique story of how God has changed your life.

At Cherry Hills, before you are baptized we ask that you take a few minutes and write out your testimony. Please limit your writing to one side of an 8.5x11 sheet of paper. As you write your testimony, ask yourself the following questions:

- What was my life like before following Jesus?
- When did I decide to make Jesus the Lord and Savior of my life?
- How has my life changed since following Jesus?
- Has anyone helped you in your journey of following Jesus?
- Is there a Bible verse that has helped you?

After you write your testimony, please email it to Pastor Brian at brian@cherryhillsfamily.org, and he will contact you to ask potential questions and to schedule your time to read your testimony.

On your assigned evening, you will come to the church and read your testimony, which will be recorded. The testimony should be no longer than 1.5 to 2 minutes. If your testimony takes over two minutes to read, we will ask that you edit and cut down on the length of your testimony. The recording is AUDIO ONLY (not video), and the prerecording allows you to do as many takes as necessary, while sharing the message you have thoughtfully and prayerfully prepared ahead of time.

The AUDIO recording will then be played right before your baptism.

Some people ask, "Do I have to read my testimony and have it recorded?" The answer is YES. Baptism is meant to be a public profession and your testimony is an incredible opportunity to share God's message of redemption with thousands of people.

Another important reason we want to record your testimony is that we as a congregation grow in our faith by hearing these stories. It allows friends, family, and even those you don't know to celebrate the amazing transformation God has worked in your life.

Some people are nervous about taping their stories, but we work hard to make the process both simple and fulfilling. When we meet with you we will go over everything you need to know about the baptism process in general, and the recording in particular.

We want baptism to be a meaningful and enjoyable experience, and we look forward to walking through it with you! If you have any questions or need help preparing your testimony, please contact Brian Schwarberg at 546-4818 or brian@cherryhillsfamily.org