

18. The Pastor helps the Candidate to his feet, turns the Candidate inward toward himself, dries the Candidate's face with the handkerchief which the Candidate had previously given to him, and helps the Candidate out of the baptistery.
19. The Pastor goes through steps 8-18 with each Candidate.
20. After the last Candidate has been baptized, the Pastor stands alone in the baptistery and says the following words to the congregation:

"See, here is water; what doth hinder (thee) to be baptized?...If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest." Acts 8:36, 37.
21. The Pastor gives an invitation.
22. The Pastor prays.
23. The Pastor pronounces the Benediction.

A good Benediction to use is Heb. 13:20, 21.
24. The Pastor retires from the baptistery and gets dressed.

H. Baptismal Certificate

The Pastor should give a Baptismal Certificate to each person he baptizes immediately after the Baptismal Service. A good certificate to use is one entitled "Certificate of Baptism." It can be obtained at most Christian Bookstores.

I. Baptismal Record

The Pastor should keep a record of each person he baptizes. This record should include the person's name (First, Middle, and Last Name), residence, and date of Baptism.

XII. The Reception of New Members

A. Procedure for Applying for Church Membership

1. The prospective member should obtain a copy of the Articles of Faith, Constitution, and Bylaws of the church; and an application blank.

These materials should always be available to the public so that anyone who is interested in joining the church can easily obtain them. The Articles of Faith, Constitution, and Bylaws of the church should be put together in booklet form for the sake of convenience.

2. The prospective member should read and carefully study the Articles of Faith, Constitution, and Bylaws of the church.