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So you have someone interested in baptism? Awesome! Below you’ll find everything you need to make it a success.

- Email the individual(s) the 2|42 Baptism FAQ’s doc.
- Have a conversation with them about the meaning of baptism (read below to describe the Commitment, Covenant & Commission).
- Schedule the date of the baptism.
- Who will be baptizing them? Find out who they want and coordinate if necessary.
- Coordinate facility/place for the baptism (Church Offices, Neighborhood Church(A2), a lake, pool, etc). If you need help reach out to your coach.
- What’s the person’s shirt size for their ‘Making Waves’ shirt?
- Schedule someone from the Arts office to videotape the day of the baptism.
- Read through the Baptism Script (below) to make sure the baptism event is professional, thought through and worth the time of the family and friends that will attended

**Baptism Example Script**

Welcome. This is an exciting day for , so thank you for all being here to celebrate this with them. Let’s start things off by opening in prayer.

[Prayer]

Baptism is an important event the life of a Christ follower. In the book of Acts we see story after story of people coming to know Jesus as their savior and then getting baptized in obedience.

The Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 6 that there is something very spiritual that is about to happen. It says, “all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him into death in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

In the act of baptism we identify ourselves with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we are immersed into the water it symbolizes that we are dying to our old self and as we come up out of the water we are raised in new life in Christ.

And that new life is marked by 3 things:
1. From this day forward, ______________ is **Committed** to Christ. In fact you can think of today similar to a wedding ceremony, this is the public ceremony where ______________ commits the rest of their life to following Jesus – through thick and thin, for richer and poorer – for life.

2. The second thing is that baptism signifies is that you enter a **Covenant** relationship with Christ’s Church. Part of staying committed to Christ is seeing yourself as a part of the Body of Christ. That means you sell out to make a local church better because you’re a part of it. It also gives the church the right to speak into your life.

3. So there is Commitment, Covenant and today is also a **Commissioning**. Every follower is called to make the world a better place as Jesus’ salt and light on this earth. Today ______________ is being commissioned to use their strengths, weakness, time, money and talents for the Kingdom of God.

______________ is here before you today as one who is testifying to a changed life in Christ.

[Explain how the process will work. Typically you ask the following questions, immerse them under water, hug them, prayer for them and then open up the floor for others to pray. Before hand, ask someone to close in prayer. Tell them to let others pray first and then after a few moments of silence they close]

______________ is there anything you’d like to share before.

______________ have you accepted Jesus as your savior and come to believe that he died for your sins?

And is it your desire today to make that belief public by being baptized?

Then it is a honor and a privilege to baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

[Dunk ‘em]

Close in Prayer: Thank God for ______________’s faith and this step of obedience in their walk with Him. Ask God to continue to guide and direct this person as they seek to follow Him. Ask God to use their life as a witness to friends and family members and co-workers and neighbors of his power to change our lives and that others will be drawn to Christ by the difference they see in ______________’s life.

*Please Note: This Baptism Service is a suggested format and need not be used verbatim. Remember the point of the baptism is for the individual to publically identify himself or herself as a follower of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to be as creative as you’d like to be to make this service personal and meaningful.*