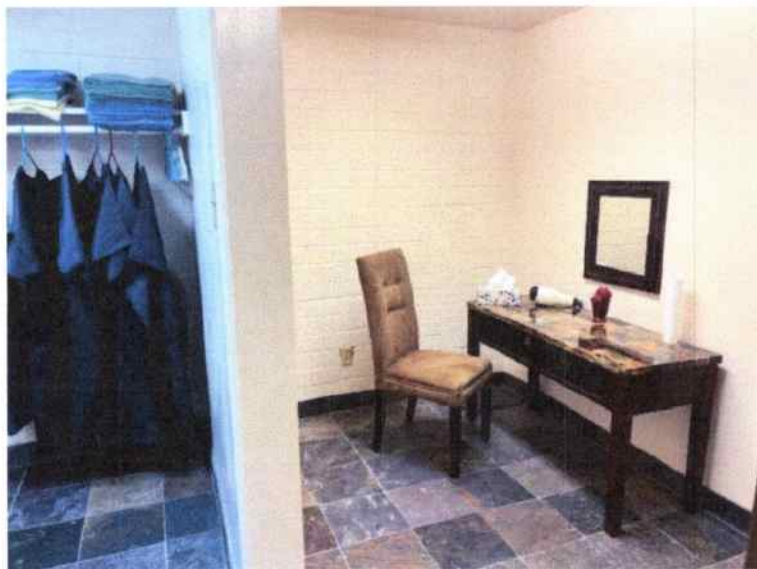
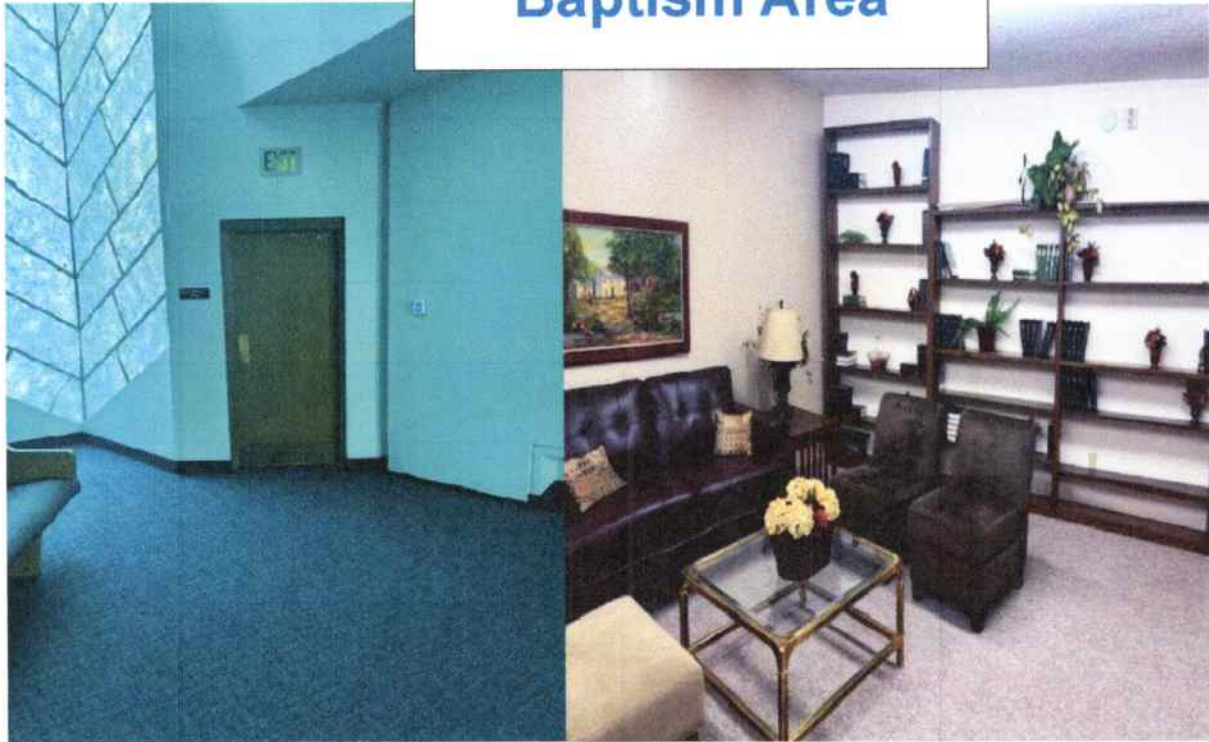


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10 Simple Reasons to be Baptized

1. **God wants you to have it!** **Acts 1:5** – “For John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” **Acts 2:38 – 39** – (28) Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (29) The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off— for all whom the Lord our God will call.”
2. **Jesus did!** **John 1:32 –33** – (32) Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. (33) I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’” **Also see Matt. 3:11**
3. **Two out of three is not enough.** **Matthew 3:16 –17** (16) As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. (17) At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him am well pleased.” 1. Body 2. Soul **3.Spirit**
4. **We do better with help.** **John 14:12** - I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.
5. **Becoming a Christian happens all the time.** **Acts 19:1- 6** – (1) While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and (2) asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” (3) So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied. (4) Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” (5) On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. (6) When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.
6. **We can use Christ’s help.** **Acts 1:8** - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
7. **It’s a Gift!** **1 Corinthians 12:7 – 11** – (7) Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. (8) To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, (9) to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, (10) to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. (11) All these are the work
8. **Christians live this way.** **Galatians 5:16** - So, I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. **Galatians 5:24 – 25** – (24) Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. (25) Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.
9. **Try to not rebel against God.** **Acts 11:15 – 17** – (15) “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. (16) Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ (17) So, if God gave them the same gift as he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God?”
10. **It is still going strong!** **John 3:16-17 (ASV)** (16) “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. (17) For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him.

Matthew 3:11 (NIV) John the Baptist explains:

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Good Scriptural examples of WHEN:

1. The apostle Paul urged it that day after they heard the message (Acts 2:40-41)
2. The eunuch was baptized immediately after Phillip taught him about Jesus (Acts 8:36-38)
3. Ananias considered 3 days much too long (Acts 9)
4. Cornelius was immediately baptized (Acts 10:47)
5. Paul's jailor was immediately baptized (Acts 16:33)

Simple Steps to Baptism at Camelback

1. **Decide**
2. **“No waiting on a calendar date” baptism with a phone call or email**
3. **Invite family or friends to be here with you or have a private baptism**