

2. A man and a woman should be permanently appointed to take charge of the Candidates during the Baptismal Service. The man should take charge of the men, and the woman should take charge of the women. Their duties should be to arrange the Candidates in the proper order as they enter the baptistery, to assist the Candidates out of the baptistery after they have been baptized, and to help the Candidates dress and undress if necessary. The man and the woman appointed for this task should be congenial, and they should be members of the church.

F. Meeting with Candidates

The Pastor should have a meeting with the Candidates before the Baptismal Service in order to instruct them concerning what they are to do in it. The lists of what the Candidates are to bring with them for the Baptismal Service-should be put into envelopes and given to the Candidates at this meeting. The man and the woman appointed to take charge of the Candidates during the Baptismal Service should be introduced to them at this time, and they should be available when the meeting is over to answer any questions which the Candidates might have which they would be embarrassed to ask in a mixed group. The Pastor should notify the Candidates of this meeting in advance. A convenient time to hold this meeting is immediately after the Morning Worship Service on the day for which the Baptismal Service is planned.

G. Order of Service

1. The Pastor requests the Candidates to retire from the auditorium and to prepare for the Baptismal Service.
2. The Pastor announces that a Song Leader will come to the platform and lead the congregation in hymns until the participants in the Baptismal Service are ready.

The Song Leader should be appointed in advance.

3. The Pastor retires from the pulpit and prepares for the Baptismal Service.
4. The Song Leader comes to the platform and leads the congregation in appropriate hymns.
5. When the Pastor is ready, he enters the baptistery and takes his place in the middle of the baptistery, facing the congregation.

The Pastor should take his Bible with him.

6. The Song Leader brings the Congregational singing to a close and retires from the platform.

The Song Leader should close the Congregational singing with the stanza of the hymn being sung when the Pastor takes his place in the baptistery.