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Baptismal Fonts

A baptistery should fit your church's needs, be well constructed, and aesthetically complement your church's interior design. There are a variety of baptismal fonts offered from manufacturers today that range from a permanent fixture in the sanctuary to a collapsible or portable model.

- Consider what style will fulfill your church's purpose. Many manufacturers offer a multipurpose model that can serve as a communion table with a hollow tub inside. Some are even collapsible for small spaces and easy storage.
- Decide if your fixture will be permanent or temporary. If it is temporary, a lightweight version may fulfill your needs as it is easily moved by two people without equipment. Be sure your portable choice is quick and easy to assemble.
- Baptisteries also come in a variety of colors and surface coatings. Think about the kind of water you will be using when you determine the type of surface coating you will need. Will it be city water, bottled water or will it be salt water from the ocean?
- Assign someone the maintenance task for your baptismal font for proper upkeep. Collapsible, portable models need wiped down and dried before folding and storing. Fiberglass models need cleaned and waxed every six months. Permanent baptisteries should be drained and scrubbed monthly while also cleaning and periodically replacing the filter.
- Accessories are available such as water heaters, casters and steps.

Baptisteries are long term investments and can be costly to remove and replace. Quality and craftsmanship are the most important factors when you choose a baptismal font for your church.



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