

IS BABY DEDICATION SUFFICIENT FOR MY BABY'S SALVATION?

No. According to Scripture, each person, upon recognizing that he/she is a sinner and in need of a Savior, must accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

(Romans 3:10, 23, 5:8, 6:23, 10:9, 10:13)

Parents are naturally concerned about the welfare of their children. Are they eating right, getting enough rest, getting regular check-ups, etc. Yet, many parents neglect the most important part of a child's life – his moral training.

As Christians, we should endeavor to raise our children to have the moral capacity to know right from wrong, good from evil and guide their hearts by biblical precepts and have the ability to make right decisions.



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Baby Dedication

- *What it is*
- *How to sign-up*
- *What to expect*

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What is a Baby Dedication ?

A Baby Dedication is a ceremony in which believing parents and godparents make a public commitment before the Lord to submit a child to God's will and to raise that child according to God's Word and God's ways.

It is . . .

- An opportunity to thank God for the precious gift of your child.
- An opportunity to publicly declare your intentions to raise your child in a Christian home.
- A family dedication, where the parents and godparents commit themselves to abide by biblical principles and to raise their children according to God's standards.

Parents who make this vow of commitment are instructed to raise the child in the ways of God, prayerfully until he or she can make a decision on their own to follow God. Some of the responsibilities for parents and godparents include teaching and training the child in God's Word, demonstrating an example of godliness, disciplining according to God's ways, and praying earnestly for the child.

How do I sign-up?

If you would like to have your baby dedicated during our Sunday morning worship service, the first step is to complete an application. You can obtain an application from the Church Clerk, Marvin Tigner, by calling the office.

Once the completed application has been received and reviewed, you will be advised to attend a mandatory training session. This session is for the parent(s) and godparents. Both must be present at the session as well as at the ceremony.

Baby Dedications occur three times per year—March, July and December. A brief reception is held for the families after the service.

An Example of Baby Dedication in Scripture

And she (Hannah) made a vow, saying, "O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life . . ." 1 Samuel 1:11 (NIV)

When God answered Hannah's prayer by giving her a son, she remembered her vow:

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there. 1 Samuel 1:27-28 (NIV)

What to Expect

The Training Session

- Pastor Terrance will teach session
- A brief tour of the nursery and intro to nursery procedures
- Rehearsal for the ceremony

The Dedication Ceremony

- Parent(s), godparents and babies will be invited to the altar area by Pastor during the service
- Pastor will lead the participants in a responsive commitment
- Families will be introduced to the congregation

The Reception

- Following the service a reception for families will be held
- You can bring a camera to take pictures with Pastor
- A certificate and gift commemorating the event will be given to families