Infant Dedication & Baptism

Commit to teaching your child what it means to *follow Jesus.*

Congratulations!

A new baby in your family is such an *exciting* time!

We believe what the Bible says in Psalm 127:3 "Children are a gift from the LORD." We are so happy that we can share in this joy of your life. God has given parents the most influence in the lives of their children and we hope that you will continue to look to Grace Chapel for love and support for your new baby and your new family.

What is this step in my child's life?

Dedicating your baby is a way to make a promise to God to do everything within your power to raise your child in a Godly and prayerful way as he or she grows and moves toward making a personal decision to follow God. Some of these responsibilities include teaching and training your child in God's word, demonstrating an example of Godliness, and praying for your child.

Choosing Dedication or Baptism

Our infant service is a blessing with the focus being on dedication to *God.*

For infants, we recommend dedication since they are too young to know and confess verbally that Jesus is their personal savior.

We understand that many people may have been raised in a tradition where infants were required to be baptized and this is what you desire. In this case, we do perform a baptism with the symbol of water connected to your child's dedication but explain that we are not doing a full immersion baptism as Jesus did.

It is then your commitment to God to raise your child in a way they will know Jesus the best they can.

Our hope is that one day, your child will decide to be baptized by immersion and confess with their own mouth that *Jesus is their personal savior!*

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Your Child's Ceremony

We want to make your day special for your family and friends!

We will show a picture slideshow of your child set to a song of your choosing. Our pastor will speak about the meaning of the ceremony and the commitment that you, as a parent, are making to God to raise you child toward a personal decision to follow Him.

Some parents choose to have Godparents- family members or friends who will help assume responsibility along with parents for the spiritual life of your child, to participate in the ceremony. This is a personal choice for each family.

Raising a Godly child

Raise and love your child keeping in mind that he or she is a uniquely-created gift from God.

You have the opportunity to be the most influential person in your child's life. Model what it means to follow Jesus.

Rely on God to lead and show you the path for your child. Teach your child that the Bible's truth is timeless and speaks to our everyday lives.

Regularly pray for and with your child— asking for God's guidance in leading.

Seek opportunities to be in community with other believers, modeling to your child what it means to live in community with others who follow Jesus.

To Schedule Your Ceremony

Please call the Grace Chapel Office to confirm desired date and time availability.
Ceremonies can be scheduled on Saturday or Sunday, during service or privately afterwards.

Phone: (724) 962-5000, ext. 100

Office Hours: Mon. through Fri., 9 am to 4 pm

Your Child's Details & Pictures

Once your child's ceremony is scheduled with us, please visit the Dedications & Baptisms page on our website:

www.Grace-Chapel.net/dedication-baptism

Click the "Complete Details" button to access the form. We ask for details including parent and grandparent names, child's full name, date of birth, sibling names, and some other basic information to help us get to know your family.

SUBMITTING SLIDESHOW PHOTOS

We ask that you provide 20-25 pictures of your child both alone as well as with family members and friends. Please choose photos that are well-lit and focused.

Please upload your photos to our DropBox account ***at least 3 weeks*** *prior to your ceremony:*

www.DropBox.com
User Name: dropbox@grace-chapel.net
Password: gcdropbox

Upload photos to the **"Baby Dedications & Baptisms"** folder in the appropriate year. Place them in a folder labeled with your child's name if there is not one already created.

We would love for you to call Grace Chapel your Church Home.

We want to provide a place every week for you to experience the life changing presence of God, connect with encouraging people, and leave ready to make a difference in your community.

Service Times: Saturday 5:30 PM • Sunday 9:30 & 11:15 AM