

Congratulations upon the arrival of your baby! When you consider the miracle of new life, you realize that your baby is indeed a gift from God.

What is Baby Dedication?

Baby Dedication is a time for parents to publicly commit themselves to the godly rearing of their child.

An increasing awareness of the awesome responsibility of rearing a child makes it most fitting that parents publicly commit themselves to the godly rearing of their child. You may bring your baby before the church for a prayer of dedication at the 9:30 am or 10:50 am worship service. There are two times during the year, Mother's Day and in December, when we offer Baby dedication.

Included in this prayer of dedication is also your commitment to seek God's guidance in being a godly example, to teach your child about God in the home, and to bring him faithfully to church through the years of his growing up.

Why participate in Baby Dedication?

Our church encourages you to dedicate your baby. First, there is the spiritual precedent for it. The baby Jesus was presented to the Lord in the Temple when he was forty days old (Luke 2:2-38). Second, it will be a strength to you to make such a public commitment. Third, it is a witness to other parents.

It is our prayer that the experience of Baby Dedication will be an inspiration to you as parents in the years ahead as you begin to lay the foundations of faith in your child's life.

What You Need to Do:

- 1. Contact the Preschool ministry office several weeks in advance of the date you wish to dedicate your baby. Baby Dedication takes place on Mother's Day and once during December. You may contact Sheila Gorman at 817-473-1461, or Sheila.Gorman@WalnutRidge.cc to be placed on the Baby Dedication list for the appropriate date.*
- 2. The week before the Sunday you are dedicating your baby, you will receive a confirmation phone call with instructions as where to sit in the service, correct spellings of all names, etc..*
- 3. On the morning of your child's dedication, when you check in at your baby's class, please let the teachers know that you are dedicating your baby today. This way the teachers will know to give your baby a bottle, if needed, and change the diaper before time for dedication.*
- 4. If you bring special clothes, ask the baby's teacher to change the clothes and have the baby ready for the time of dedication.*
- 5. All families that are dedicating will sit together before the dedication service. After the time of dedication you may take your baby back to class and join your family and special guests in the worship service.*
- 6. It may be helpful to bring a bottle or pacifier in case the baby gets restless.*

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