



Baby Dedication FAQ

1. What is the difference between Baby Dedication and infant baptism?

Baby Dedication is an opportunity for parents to make a covenant with God to raise their child in a Christ-like manner. At Valley Creek Church, we feel that baptism is something done only after the person has made a conscious choice to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior.

2. How does the ceremony work?

When you arrive, check in with the head usher. Your family will be introduced during the service. You will walk down the aisle and onto the stage. A pastor will share the "Parent's Covenant" with you and the church family. This is a wonderful day to celebrate with family and friends.

3. How many people can I invite?

Grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other special people are encouraged to attend. We want you to feel free to invite as many of your family and friends as you'd like.

4. How long does the dedication last?

The ceremony itself is rather short, lasting a few minutes.

5. What is the age limit on Baby Dedication?

Newborn to Preschool.

6. Do I have to be a member of VCC to participate in Baby Dedication?

No, Baby Dedication is open to both regular attendees and members.

7. What should we wear?

As with most events at VCC, there is no set dress code. Most of our families, however, do tend to dress up a bit more than they would for Sunday service. Please feel free to wear whatever you wish!

8. What is the picture used for? Does it have to be professional? Can I email it?

We put all the pictures onto a video screen during the ceremony. The picture does not have to be professional, many people use candid. We do prefer a digital photo. If sending a digital file please send to matt@valleycreekchurch.com. If you do not have a digital photo, we can use a standard 4x6 photo if it is given to us one week before the dedication.

9. What is the parent's covenant?

As a parent, I willingly accept my child as a unique gift from God. I understand that my parental responsibility involves leading my child into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and helping my child understand God's specific purpose for his or her life. Therefore, I promise today that I will strive to do the following:

- to recognize that my relationship with this child is a sacred trust which requires an investment of quality time and unconditional love.*
- to assume the primary responsibility to teach my child the spiritual truths and values of Scripture.*
- to pray consistently for the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of my child.*
- to create an environment within our home which demonstrates the Fruit of the Spirit of Christ.*

Deuteronomy 6:5-7 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."