Baby Dedication Orientation

What Is Baby Dedication?

Baby Dedication is a time to **publicly commit your child to the Lord** and commit yourself to raising them according to His ways. It is a **parent's act of faith and surrender**, not a guarantee of salvation, but a step toward building a home where Jesus is known and honored.

1 Samuel 1:27–28
"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."

TABLE DISCUSSION:

What does parenting success look like to you?

Is that kind of success achievable? How?

Where do you turn for parenting guidance?

God's Plan for Parents

Deuteronomy 6:5–7
"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength... Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home, when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

God calls parents to be the **primary spiritual leaders** in their child's life. The church is here to support and equip you, not replace your role.

Four Essential Parenting Skills

1. Envision Their Future

What kind of person do you want your child to become?

Exodus 19:5–6 — God's people are to be a **treasured possession**, a **holy nation**, and a **kingdom of priests**.

Write your spiritual vision for your child:

2. Live it YOURSELF

Children learn most by example.

Philippians 3:17 — "Follow my example… and keep your eyes on those who live as we do."

What values or habits will your child "catch" from you right now?

What is one area where you want to grow as a parent?

3. Be INTENTIONAL

Ephesians 6:4 — "Bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

What spiritual habits could you begin now (even in small ways)?

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4. Create a RHYTHM

Faith becomes part of family life when it's woven into your day.

Psalm 78:4, 6 — "We will tell the next generation... so they would know."

What could your family's spiritual rhythm look like?
Morning: _____
Mealtime: _____
Drive time: _____
Bedtime: _____

Homework: Set Intentional Foundations

1. *Write your vision for your child's future (values, character, and hopes):*

2. *What areas do you need to grow in spiritually to model this well?*

3. *What tools or resources will you use to grow together as a family?*
   (Example: Bible app, children's Bible, worship music, devotionals)

4. *What one new rhythm can you start this week?*

Proverbs 22:6
"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."