

# BAPTISM OR DEDICATION?

## What's the difference?

Have you noticed how different words can mean different things to different people? It happens all the time, even in churches, especially when people have attended different denominations.

At Colonial Woods, we believe that **Baptism** is outward sign of obedience that a believer makes for themselves to symbolize the change that has happened in their heart.

Since a baby or child is not old enough to make that decision yet, we do not baptize little ones. Instead, we offer baby dedication. **Baby Dedication** is a public statement of faith that parents make; that they are committed before God and the church to raise their child in a godly home and in to give their child every opportunity to accept Christ.

# BABY DEDICATION



All you need to know to dedicate your child at Colonial Woods



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# WHAT TO EXPECT

We take participation in one of our baby dedication services seriously, because of that, it is reserved for families who have been in consistent attendance at Colonial Woods for least 3-6 months.

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## Fill Out the Form



This lets us know you are interested in being a part of a baby dedication service.

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## Talk to Our Team

We will have a short phone interview to talk about your interest.

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## Invite Loved Ones

Grandparents, friends + family are all welcome at the service and will be asked to stand during the dedication.

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## The Service

Meet 15 minutes before the service starts.

We will have a photographer available taking photos of the service and who will also take a family picture immediately following the dedication in the lobby area.



# WHAT IS THE PARENT'S COMMITMENT?



Dedicating your child to the Lord is a serious commitment.

## I am Promising...

**I am promising to raise my child with the principles of God's Word.** God has always entrusted parents to teach truths to their children. In dedication I promise to raise my child to know God's Word and ways,

**Deut. 6:1-10**

## I am Desiring...

**I am desiring that my child will come to know Jesus as their Savior at the earliest possible age.** We can't make decisions for our children, but we can tell them about Jesus and give them opportunity to accept Him.

**Mark 10:13-16**

## I am Praying...

**I am praying that God will use my child for His glory.** Just like Hannah and Samuel dedicated their child to the Lord, we dedicate ours to the Lord to be used for His purposes.

**1 Samuel 1:26-28**

