



infant dedication and baptism

hey, congrats!

We're thrilled that you're considering dedicating or baptizing your little one. This is a powerful way to mark the moment and celebrate the gift of your child while committing to raise them with opportunities to know and follow Jesus.

Once you register, our team will connect with you about upcoming Dedication/Baptism Celebration services. To keep each service meaningful and under an hour, we limit the number of families who can participate. Spots fill up quickly, so registration is on a first-come, first-served basis at **crossroads.net/baptism**.

Inside this packet, you'll find everything you need to prepare for the celebration:

- **Background + FAQs** (and who to contact if you have questions)
- **Commitment details** for parents, family, and friends
- **Ceremony logistics** so you know what to expect
- **Registration link** to secure your spot

Questions? Contact us at kc@crossroads.net

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What is infant dedication and baptism?

Welcoming a new baby into your family is an exciting time! God has given parents the greatest influence in the lives of their children, and dedication or baptism is a way for parents to publicly commit to modeling what it means to follow Jesus. This isn't about being perfect—no parent is—but it is about giving your child opportunities to explore who Jesus is. Infant dedication or baptism is less about the child's decision and more about the parents' commitment before God and their church community to raise their child to know and love Jesus.

What's the difference between dedication and baptism?

It often comes down to tradition and personal preference. Baptism involves water and dedication doesn't.

- **Infant Baptism** has a long history in some Christian traditions. Some see it as the New Testament counterpart to Old Testament circumcision—marking a child as part of God's covenant community. Some families want their child baptized as part of that heritage, while recognizing the child will still need to make a personal decision to follow Jesus later in life.
- **Dedication** is a practice in other Christian traditions, chosen to avoid confusion with "believer's baptism" (when someone personally decides to follow Jesus and chooses to be baptized). Parents who dedicate their children are making the same commitment before God and the church, but leave baptism to be a decision their child makes for themselves later.

In either case, dedication or baptism does not secure salvation for a child—it's about the parents' commitment to raise them in the love and truth of Jesus.

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Are there any requirements for dedication or baptism at Crossroads?

Yes. Because this is a spiritual commitment made in partnership with the church community, we ask that:

- At least one parent is a Christ-follower with a personal relationship with Jesus.
- At least one parent regularly attends Crossroads.

Can we invite friends and family to the ceremony?

Absolutely! Because this is a commitment made before God and your community, we encourage you to invite friends and family. In fact, some may even choose to participate in the ceremony.

Do I have to do the ceremony at Crossroads?

We would love to celebrate with you through Crossroads' Infant Dedication and Baptism, but you are also welcome to plan a private ceremony with close family and friends. Some families choose to hold a smaller service at their home or another meaningful location. However, pastors and staff from Crossroads are not available for private, off-site ceremonies.

How do I sign up?

Please complete the Infant Dedication/Baptism Registration at **crossroads.net/baptism**. Once we receive your information, we'll be in touch with details and next steps.

commitments:

**questions
we'll ask
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for parents:

Will you love your child unconditionally, trusting that God has created them with unique gifts and a special purpose? *Psalms 139:13–14*

Will you model what it looks like to follow Jesus by loving God with all your heart, soul, and strength? *Deuteronomy 6:5*

Will you show your child, through your example, that the Bible is God's Word—and that His truth is worth learning and living out every day? *Proverbs 3:5–6*

Will you pray for and with your child—teaching them to bring every request to God and to give thanks even in hard times? *Philippians 4:6*

Will you seek out community with other followers of Jesus, so your child sees faith lived out together? *Acts 2:42–47*

for family & friends:

I commit to being present and available—to DoorDash meals, plan playdates, and help in practical ways when needed. I will listen well, encourage often, and when appropriate, offer wisdom. I will reflect God's love to this child by caring for them and calling out the God-given gifts I see in them. Most importantly, I will pray faithfully that this child will grow to know, love, and follow Jesus.

ceremony logistics

Do I have to dress up?

Nope! Come as you are. Wear whatever is best for your family.

Do I need to check in before the service?

Yes. We ask every family to stop and check in with us before the service begins. Check-in instructions along with other details will be sent after registration.

What will parents do during the ceremony?

Parents will introduce themselves and their child. You'll also have the option (but not the obligation) to share a short personal story—like the meaning of your child's name, or something unique about their birth or your journey as a family.

Will photos be taken? Can I get a copy?

Yes! Someone from our volunteer photography team will capture moments during the ceremony. A few weeks after the service, you'll receive a secure link with your photos. Feel free to take your own pictures or video, too.

How long is the service?

The celebration lasts about one hour, depending on how many families are dedicating or baptizing a child.

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