

Should I baptize or dedicate my child?

Infant Baptism	Infant Dedication →	Believer's Baptism
Prerequisite = believing parent		Prerequisite = profession of faith
Primary function = visible symbol of entrance into the covenant community	Primary function = commitment to teach child faith in God	Primary function = public declaration of personal faith in God
<u>Theological emphasis</u> Sign and seal of covenant God's work to impart grace God's covenant faithfulness	<u>Theological emphasis</u> Thanksgiving for child Our commitment to teach grace Our obedience to God	<u>Theological emphasis</u> Outward sign of inward change Our response to God's grace Our obedience to God
<u>Scriptural support</u> Acts 2:38-39 Colossians 2 Households: Acts 16, 1 Cor. 1 Romans 4:11	<u>Scriptural support</u> 1 Sam 1 Luke 2 Deut 6:4-9	<u>Scriptural support</u> Romans 6 Acts 8-10

How do I arrange for my child to be baptized or dedicated?

Michael Cleveland is our staff member who helps coordinate this important day for your family. Please fill out the form online at: www.thekirk.com/baptism or email Michael at mcleveland@thekirk.com

