Baby/Child Dedication □□/□□□

What is Baby / Child Dedication?

The Bible tells us that children are a heritage from the Lord, a precious gift from God (Ps. 127:3).
When parents bring their babies or children to church to dedicate them before God and the congregation, they express their desire to treasure this gift and raise their children according to God's will.

At the same time, the church and congregation pledge to support the parents in the spiritual growth of their children, helping them grow firmly rooted in their faith.

Biblical Basis for Baby Dedication

- Hannah dedicated Samuel to God as a thanksgiving for answered prayer (1 Samuel 1:27–28)
- Joseph and Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple to present Him to the Lord (Luke 2:22)
- Jesus embraced and blessed the little children, saying, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them" (Mark 10:14)

God also entrusts parents with the responsibility of raising their children:

> "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."
> — Deuteronomy 6:4–8

The Relationship Between Dedication and Our Church Vision

As a church community, we recognize the importance of raising a godly next generation. That's why we've established the "NEXT GEN" vision—to support the faith formation of the next generation through the joint effort of the whole church.

We firmly believe that parents play an irreplaceable role in their child's spiritual growth. However, this mission also requires the shared responsibility of the church.

To that end, we've introduced the role of **spiritual godparents** as a bridge between parents and the church to assist in raising children according to God's will.

Spiritual godparents play an important role in church tradition. They offer spiritual support and care to the children and walk alongside the parents so they are not alone in their parenting journey.

The church encourages parents who dedicate their children to seek suitable godparents to partner with them in nurturing the next generation.

Requirements for Becoming a Spiritual Godparent

- Have accepted Jesus Christ and have a clear understanding of the Christian faith
- Be willing to invest time and effort in supporting the child and the parents
- Strive to be a godly example in both life and faith

Commitment of Parents and Godparents

Together, parents and godparents commit to raising the child centered on Christ and guiding them toward becoming future leaders of the church.

Responsibilities of Spiritual Godparents

- **Prayer Support**: Pray for the child's growth and faith, especially during times of challenge or difficulty.
- **Faith Guidance**: Walk alongside the parents and help the child explore questions of life and faith using God's Word.
- **Modeling Values**: Be a Christ-centered role model and help the child build godly habits and decision-making skills.
- **Spiritual Community**: Collaborate with other godparents to build a nurturing spiritual environment that blesses the next generation.

How the Church Supports Godparents

- Provide resources for faith development and child mentorship
- Organize regular prayer and sharing gatherings for godparents
- Offer ongoing pastoral care and practical support

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