

## ***Baby Dedication***

We do not believe that baby dedication in any way secures the salvation of a child. In fact, we believe infants receive special provisions of grace which protects them until they are at a stage of development where moral accountability is apparent.

However, baby dedication is quite significant. It is the act of a parent(s) expressing their acknowledged gratitude for the gift they have been given in the life of their child. It is also a formal dedication of themselves to be Christ honoring parents and to nurture their children in the Christian faith.

The biblical precedent for the activity of dedication of children is found in 1 Samuel 1:21-28. Though the circumstances are unique in the 1 Samuel text, the attitude is encouraged.

The process involved in getting your child dedicated is that you would first contact the church office at 762-0682.

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## ***What is Communion?***

Communion is often referred to as “The Lord’s Supper” because Jesus was the One who instituted it. The account is found in the New Testament, in Matthew 26. Jesus was with His disciples just before being betrayed and crucified.

The Scripture tells us that Jesus took some bread and said: “Take and eat; this is My Body.” Then Jesus took a cup, the contents of which was symbolic of His blood that would soon be shed for “the forgiveness of sins” (Matthew 26:28).

Significant words of Jesus are found in Luke’s account of this supper the Lord shared with His disciples. In Luke 22:19b He said, “...do this in remembrance of Me”.

As Christians, participating in communion helps us to never forget what Jesus has done for us by dying on the cross.

In I Corinthians 11:26, the Apostle Paul said: “Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes”. The symbols used in the Communion service (bread & juice) represent, but do not literally become, the body and blood of the Lord Jesus!

The Communion service is a time for us to be reminded that Jesus suffered and died to take away our sin and to ensure, for us, Father! We could say that it is a memorial service with a tone of celebration and thanksgiving! We are to do this regularly until the time when we will be with Him, in His immediate presence forever.



## ***Who Can Participate In Communion?***

Anyone who has believed on Jesus as the Son of God and has, by faith, accepted the gift of salvation He offers through His death on the cross, is invited to participate in communion. You do not have to be a member of Evangel to take part. Children are welcome to participate with their parents’ permission, which should be granted only on the basis of the child’s own faith in Jesus and their understanding of the significance of the Communion service.

In I Corinthians 11:28 we are told to “examine ourselves” before we participate. This is to ensure that we have no unconfessed sin in our hearts nor any resentment or ill will toward a fellow Christian. If we do, we can immediately pray and receive God’s forgiveness and cleansing for those things that are hindrances to receiving His grace and blessing.