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BABY DEDICATION GUIDE & FORM

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General Information for a Baby Dedication Service

Where & when is the Baby Dedication Service?

Baby Dedication Services are scheduled throughout the year; every couple of months and will be during a Sunday 11AM Service, unless otherwise instructed. You will need to be at the church 15 minutes early to confirm with the Pastor your arrival. Please arrive no later than 10:45 PM. The worship service begins promptly at 11:00 AM and the Baby Dedication portion of the service is subject to being held anytime at the beginning, after praise and worship or even possibly near the end of the service.

Can I invite friends and family members?

Yes. In fact, as part of your proclamation, we encourage you to invite the baby's grandparents, your friends, additional family members, co-workers, etc. to share in your dedication of your child/children to the Lord Jesus. Please encourage all attendees to also arrive by 10:45.

What things do I need to do for my baby/child in preparation of the service?

- You will need to fill out this form and turn it into the church office at least one (1) week before the service.
- Invite your family & friends you wish to attend.
- You may dress your baby/child in regular clothes or any special attire you wish to use.
- It is recommended that your baby/child be fed sometime prior to the service.
- It is recommended that your baby/child to have had a recent diaper change before the service.
- It is recommended that you have with them any soothing toy, blanket or pacifier to help the baby/child remain calm during the Baby Dedication.

Keep in mind that babies are unpredictable. Some may sleep during the dedication, and others might cry. Please don't feel stressed or embarrassed by it; these situations only make the baby dedications more special and enjoyable.

Why should I dedicate my baby/child to the Lord?

"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward" Psalm 127:3

Children are a gift from God. As believers we are called to recognize that children belong first and foremost to God. God in His goodness gives children as gifts to parents. They not only have the awesome responsibility of caring for this gift, but also the wonderful privilege of enjoying the gift. Because children belong to God and are given by grace as gifts to parents, it is only proper and appropriate that children be dedicated back to God.

More scriptures to reference:

- 1 Samuel 1 ...when Hannah presented her son Samuel to the Lord.
- Luke 2:22 ... Mary and Joseph brought baby Jesus to the temple to present him before the Lord.
- Deuteronomy 6:4-7 ...teaching children about the Lord
- Ephesians 6:4 ... training children in the Lord

Who should I contact for any questions?

You should contact one of the Pastors about your desire to dedicate your baby/child and any questions you may have. Some dates will be shared with you as to when the next Baby Dedication Services are scheduled and in which particular service you would like to be included.

What can I expect during the Baby Dedication Service?

The officiating pastor will request the parent(s) and immediate family participating to be brought up front. The officiating pastor will either hold the baby or lay hands on the baby/child while praying for the baby/child, family and supporting friends & family.

Can pictures be taken during the Baby Dedication service?

Yes, you may bring a camera and request someone in your family or friends to take pictures anytime during the Baby Dedication Service and prayer.

Baby Dedication Request Form

Please fill out this form for the baby or child being dedicated. If you have additional babies or children being dedicated at the same time, please fill out a separate Baby Dedication Request Form for each child.

Baby or Child's *(full)* Legal name (Please write legibly)

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Any special notes, nickname, etc. _____

(circle one) **Male** or **Female** Date of Birth _____

Who is responsible for dedicating this baby/child *(circle)* **Mother** **Father** **Other**

Mother's *(full)* Legal name _____

Father's *(full)* Legal name _____

If you are not the mother or father, are you the legal guardian(s)? **Yes / No**

The parent(s) or legal guardians address and where the baby/child resides primarily:

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____

