

Request for Baby Dedication

Baby's Full Name

Place of Birth (City, State)

Date of Birth

Requested Date of Dedication (list 2)

Father's Name

Mother's Name

Address

City / State / Zip

Phone

Email

List other siblings and ages

**“Let the little children
come to me, and do not
hinder them, for the
kingdom of God belongs
to such as these.”**

Mark 10:14

To dedicate a child to the Lord is to make a vow to completely submit your child to the will of God and raise that child in the ways of the Lord. Therefore, it is important that the parents have placed their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. If you have not made this decision for yourselves we would love to help you in this first step to dedicating your family to God. Attach a note to this request or call the church office and ask to speak with one of our pastors. It will be the most important decision you will ever make!



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“the kingdom of
heaven belongs
to such as these”

Matthew 19:14



Dedication



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These commandments that I give you today are to be upon 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 6:6-7



What is a Baby Dedication?

A baby dedication is not a baptism. We do not baptize infants. A baby dedication does not ensure that the baby will make it to heaven. The Bible is clear that the only way to heaven is through personal belief and acceptance of Christ as Savior and Lord. The Bible says that a baby is a blessing from God; a heritage and a reward from the Lord (Psalm 127:3). When you decide to dedicate your son or daughter, you are acknowledging the awesome responsibility God has given you in raising your child (Ephesians 6:4). A baby dedication is a ceremony that expresses your desire as parents to raise your son or daughter in the ways of the Bible and to ask God to use your son or daughter for his purposes. You submit your will for your child to God's will.



Why should I dedicate my infant?

The Bible gives us an example of dedicating a child to the Lord in the account of Hannah in 1 Samuel 1:11, 26-28. Hannah promised God that if He would give her a child then she would *"give him to the lord all the days of his life..."* (1 Samuel 1:11).

God honored Hannah's request and gave her a son named Samuel. Hannah kept her vow and dedicated (which means "to set apart") Samuel to the Lord.

Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the temple to be dedicated to God. As followers of Christ, we want to also make this public declaration to our family, and our church. It is invaluable to be able to tell a child as they are growing up that they belong to Jesus and that you have asked God to use them in a formal declaration, i.e. Baby Dedication.



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Responsibilities of a Christian Parent

Christian parents are to do all they can to "set apart" their child to God until that child can make his or her own choice regarding their relationship with Jesus Christ. By dedicating a child to the Lord, parents make a vow to raise their child in God's ways and not their own. They commit themselves to this promise and must do all they can to keep it.

The responsibilities God has entrusted to Christian parents include continuously praying for their children (Job 1:5), instructing them in the way of the Lord (Proverbs 22:6), setting a godly example (Proverbs 20:7), and disciplining them as the Lord would discipline us (Proverbs 29:15, 17; 13:24). These responsibilities can only be fulfilled in Christ's strength (Philippians 4:13). As a parent, your devotion to God— or lack of it— will make a resounding impression on the next generation. May your legacy be a godly one.

