



## *Baby Dedication Services*

The arrival of a new baby is a time of rejoicing for any family. The newness of life often brings a special freshness toward all of life. Often, during this time, parents want to do something in the Church building to celebrate their joy with others and to present their child to God for blessing.

Dedicating a child acknowledges God's sovereignty not only over the child, but also over the Father and Mother. Parents present their child before God and His people asking for Grace and wisdom in carrying the responsibilities. Parents also come praying that their child might one day trust Jesus Christ as Savior.

### The Process

These steps must be completed prior to scheduling the Dedication of your child.

#### 1. **Application:**

Complete a "Request for Baby Dedication Application" and return it to the Church Office. They will contact you to schedule your participation in an upcoming Service. Baby Dedication services are scheduled randomly as interest warrants.

#### 2. **Testimony:**

- The Father must write a letter describing the testimony of his Faith.
- The Mother must write a letter describing the testimony of her Faith.  
(These are separate letters)

#### 3. **Letter from the Parents:**

Please write a letter (typed) to your child (500 words or less) that outlines your hopes, dreams and prayers for him and/or her. You will read this letter at the Dedication service. Please provide a copy of the letter for the Pastor when you schedule your meeting with the Administration Office.

#### 4. **Godparents:**

The institution of sponsors (god-parents), who serve as witnesses and guarantors for the faith of the child being dedicated are obligated to edify the child in the Biblical principle of Christian life.

It is self-evident that the god-parent at the Dedication can only be someone who is of the Christian faith. They must know at least the main tenets of the Christian faith and its ethics, as well as the meaning of the vows which are given in the name of the baby who is being dedicated. These vows are to be conveyed and explained to the child when he/she has the logic of understanding.

The god-parent at the Dedication **CANNOT BE**

- A MINOR, UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS
- SOMEONE MISINFORMED OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

#### 5. **Meeting:**

Please schedule a meeting with the Worship and Arts Minister and Administration Office to review the process and to ensure that all documentation is completed. Dedication will not be scheduled until the above process is completed.



# *Request for Baby Dedication*

## Information Sheet

**(Please Print Clearly)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Requested Date of Baby Dedication**  
 (Date will be approved based on availability of Church Calendar)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Father's Full Name**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Father's Home Number Day Number Cell Number**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mother's Full Name**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mother's Home Number Day Number Cell Number**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Child's Full Name Date of Birth Sex of Child**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Godfather's Full Name Home Number Day Number**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Godmother's Full Name Home Number Day Number**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Grand Parent(s) Name Home Number**

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