

## THE COMMITMENT

*Below is the commitment that parents will make as a part of the dedication:*

### The Baby Dedication Commitment

As the father and mother of NAME OF CHILD born DATE OF BIRTH we make a commitment to raise our son/daughter in the fear of the Lord on this day DATE OF DEDICATION.

We promise that we will strive to provide a Christian environment in our home through the things that we do, the words that we speak, the attitudes that we carry, the values that we hold, and the love that we display. We will strive to provide a home where Christ is modeled and worshipped.

We promise that we will strive to give our son godly instruction, discipline, and guidance so that he would learn to love and obey his God. We will always provide this training with an attitude of love and gentleness and not with overbearance.

We promise that we will strive to try our best to give to the Lord our unwavering commitment to raise our son with the knowledge that he is first and foremost the creation and son of our heavenly Father. And if God sees it fit to call him and use him for His service, we promise to support and pray for him with gladness.

Furthermore, knowing our own limitations and frail humanity, we promise to call upon the omnipotent and omniscient God through diligent prayer to provide constant protection and intervention in times of need. May God help us to be the godly parents we need to be.

## PROCESS

Baby dedication is the parent's act of commitment before God to raise their child in the Lord. Just because a baby is dedicated, that does not ensure the child's future salvation. However, parents are called to train up a child the best they can and trust that their training influences that child to God.

Baby dedication is a commitment that the parents make and not the child. It can almost be called "parent dedication." And though it is not biblically mandated, we look upon Samuel's consecrations by his mother Hannah as something we emulate (1 Samuel 1:19-28).

Baby Dedication is a way in which the child is introduced to the church family. The dedication is performed by the pastor as a representative of the congregation in a show of unity and prayer.

### To Dedicate Your Baby

In order to better serve your family, we ask that you understand the following requirement and that you fill out this application and hand it into one of the pastors.

Because the commitment that the parent is making a definitive "Christian" commitment, we ask that both parents have personally received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord. Please note that membership is NOT a requirement for baby dedication.

### Procedure

One week prior to the Baby Dedication Ceremony, you are required to take a Baby Dedication Class at 9:45AM in the Living Room with our Family Life Pastor, Chris Chi.

Then submit your fully completed application and a baby picture (in portrait orientation) to EJ Park by the Monday after the Baby Dedication Class.

### On the morning of the baby dedication:

- Please arrive by 10:30AM for the brief orientation to the dedication ceremony
- Dress your child and yourselves neatly
- Sign the baby dedication covenant



# BABY DEDICATION



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## Application for Baby Dedication

### Child's Information

Child's Full Name:			
Child's Name:	Birthdate	Gender:	
Father:	Mother:		
Email:	Email:		

### Child's Uniqueness

Please write a few comments about how your child is a blessing to you and any other comments about the baby dedication.

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### Comments

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### Process:

1. Please submit the following to the Nursery Director:
  - a) Filled out application
  - b) Photo of child
2. Arrive by 10:00 am on the day of dedication for orientation

### Pastor

Date of class:

Name of pastor/elder:

Pastor/elder signature:

Comments:

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