

## How do we arrange it?

Well,... it's easy! If your child is under the age of five,... just call Pastor at the church office, (926-0362) and we'll settle on a date to dedicate your child.

## What is a dedication like?

Well,...it's simple! During the service we'll ask you to bring up your child or children along with any family you choose. We'll talk for a moment and introduce your child to the congregation. After the oooooohing and aaaaaaahing, I'll take the child and then I or someone significant to you, or both of us will offer prayers and blessings for the child, you as parents and for your family!

## Things to remember!

Call church with child's info

\_\_\_\_\_  
Baby's full name  
Parents & Grandparents names  
Birth date and time  
Hospital & Doctor's name  
Baby's weight & height at birth

Drop off child's picture to  
church office

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Call Grandma's and Grandpa's

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Call other family & friends

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Camera or video coverage

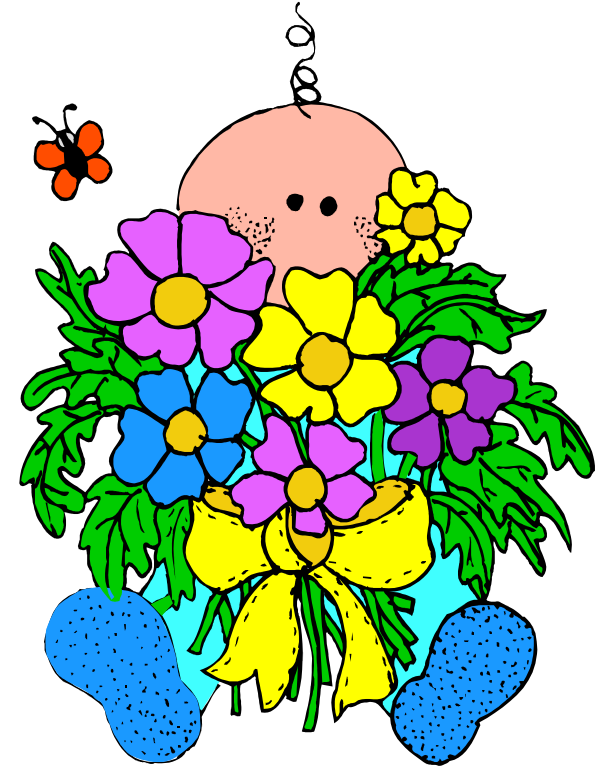
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\* There is no charge and no gifts are expected for any Pastoral staff!



Please call if you are interested in further information on baby dedications.  
926-0362 ask for Pastor Williams.



# Baby Dedications



“Let the little children  
come to me.”



# Ceremony of Dedication



Most parents desire success for their children in all of life's endeavors! Of course, that success will require God's touch ~ and to create a 'touch point' for this future success, we choose to dedicate our children to God. This dedication presents the child back to God and serves as a reminder that our caring and compassionate God is constantly working in our children, their parents, and communities!

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The sacred occasion of baby dedications follows these Biblical examples:

## Samuel ~

Hannah said of her son Samuel as she brought him to God's house: "I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of Him. So I give him to the Lord." **1 Samuel 1**

## Jesus ~

When Jesus was about six weeks old, Mary and Joseph took Him to the temple and presented Him to God. At that time, "Simeon took Him in his arms and praised God." **Luke 2**

Jesus himself took little children in His arms and blessed them:

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them...He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these..." And He took the children in His arms, put His hands on them and blessed them.

**Mark 10**



## The Praise of the Child

You made my whole being.  
You formed me in my mother's body.  
I praise You because You made me  
in an amazing and wonderful way.  
What You have done is wonderful.  
I know this very well.

You saw my bones being formed  
as I took shape in my mother's body.  
When I was put together there,  
You saw my body as it was formed.

All the days planned for me  
were written in Your book  
before I was one day old.

**Psalms 139:13-16**

## The Three Elements of Dedications

Here are the three areas your dedication ceremony will touch on...

### 1) Child: "I give my child to the Lord!"

Only God knows the full possibilities present in your infant, and He alone can develop all the potential there. Within God, the Creator, lies the knowledge, wisdom, and love that your child needs. Commit your child to God for His care in matters beyond human wisdom and understanding.

### 2) Parents: "Train up a child..."

Children are given to parents for care, protection, love, and training. Dedication involves commitment of the parents to provide the Godly environment needed by their child. Parents are to instruct, be an example, and pray for their child.

### 3) Church: "Train up a child..."

It is the privilege and responsibility of the church to encourage and assist parents in the development of children. The home and the church should unite to train and lead children in spiritual growth.