

Baby Dedication

A Baby Dedication is a ceremony in which believing parents, and sometimes entire families, make a commitment before the Lord to submit a child to God's will and to raise that child according to God's Word and God's ways. Children are a gift from God. Psalm 127:3 proclaims that "Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from Him." As believers we are called to recognize that children belong first and foremost to God. Christian parents who dedicate a child are making a promise to the Lord to do everything within their power to raise the child in a godly way, prayerfully until he or she can make a decision on his or her own to follow God. Parents who make this vow of commitment are instructed to raise the child in the ways of God, and not according to their own ways. Some of the responsibilities include teaching and training the child in God's Word, demonstrating an example of godliness, disciplining according to God's ways, and praying earnestly for the child.

The Promises of Parents

(Parents Name) come today to dedicate their child/children **(Child/Children's Names)** before the Lord and to affirm their desire to raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord

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- Will you dedicate yourselves today to protect and nurture THEM as God's gift?
- With God's help will you pledge to be an example to raising YOUR CHILDREN with righteous discipline and instruction?
- Will you make every effort to build godly character into their lives?
- Do you promise to provide through God's blessings physical, emotional and spiritual help looking to the LORD for wisdom?
- And will you Promise to teach them the ways of the LORD and direct them to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.