



## What happens at baby dedication?

Baby Dedications generally occur following the worship portion of the service and before the Pastor's message.

When it is time for the baby dedication to begin Pastor will announce your names. Please respectfully walk toward the front of the building and stand in front of the stage in the center of our altar area. The Pastor will ask you if you are making the commitment as outlined in this information. At that time respond accordingly. The Pastor will then take the child and pray over them, asking God for His protection and guidance, and to lead the child to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The Pastor will then pray over you as parents.

In presenting your child to the Lord, you are...

- Publicly affirming your personal faith and trust in Christ.
- Committing yourself to pray daily for the physical, mental, social and spiritual welfare of your child.
- Setting an example of honoring the Lord's Day by bringing your family to worship together.
- Modeling before your children your love for God and His Word in your home.

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"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."  
(Deuteronomy 6:5-7)

Commit yourself to those "teachable moments" when you may present Christ to your child and have the joy of leading him/her into a personal relationship to Jesus Christ.

# BABY *and* CHILD dedication



"LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME.  
DON'T STOP THEM!  
FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD  
BELONGS TO THOSE WHO ARE  
LIKE THESE CHILDREN."  
-LUKE 18:16

Free Life believes children are a gift from God, and we are very excited that you are interested in child dedication.

Child dedication is a public commitment you make before God, your church, and your family. The dedication service provides you, the parent(s), an opportunity to express publically your desire to lead and spiritually nurture your child in cooperation with the Holy Spirit, so your child will develop a desire to love God, love others, and serve the world.

*What is baby dedication?*

The word dedication means to consecrate or the act of setting apart people or things for the purposes of serving God.

In the Old Testament we see how Hannah prayed for a child and promised God that the child, Samuel, would be given to the Lord all the days of his life. (1 Samuel 1:11,28)

In the New Testament we see how Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple to present him to the Lord. (Luke 2:22)

These parents took this act very seriously and were making a commitment in presenting their children to the Lord. Bringing a child before the Lord is not a secret formula for keeping them from ever experiencing harm or pain. It is a commitment of the parents to do their part in raising the child before the Lord.

Just as the Nazarite children in the Bible had set boundaries and lived their lives set apart to God from birth (Judges 13:5), so parents today-through baby dedication-commit to a lifestyle of raising thier children separated from the world and its values.

By bringing your child to the church and presenting him/her to the Lord, our Pastor and church family will together with you ask the Lord for His blessing upon your child all the days of his/her life.

**BABY *And* CHILD**  
*dedication* info

Please fill out this form and give to Welcome Center attendant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Father's Name (Please Print)

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 Father's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Signature

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

For the Certificate of Dedication

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Child's Full Name (Please Print)

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

City of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

State of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

We have read the outlines & expecatations of Baby & Child Dedication and desire to presnt our child to God. We agree to be diligent in fulfilling our high calling as parents.

Yes                      No

**INVITE, INVITE!**

We know at FLWC that your family and friend's presence at this special event would be very meaningful to you. We would personally like to invite your family and friends to join us for your child's dedication. Please fill out the form below with names and addresses of the people you would like for us to invite to the dedication service.  
 Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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