

Baby Dedication Form

As parents presenting your child to the Lord, you are demonstrating your own personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. You show a desire to see God's will carried out in the life of your child. And you are acknowledging your place as stewards of what really belongs to God – your child. Dedication means that by word and example you promise to teach your child to live a holy life and to value the good gifts God has given us.

Guidelines for Parents

It isn't baptism for our children

- Baptism is the public profession of faith and discipleship after conversion as described above.
- Once a child is old enough to make a decision to accept Christ as their personal Savior, then they can make a choice to be baptized.

What it is...

The dedication of children is a Christian act of giving children to God for His glory. The first question to ask is, Are we Christians? Christian dedication of babies is for Christian families.

The second question to ask is, Are we serious about this dedication? Dedicating your child to God is an act of faith in God, believing that He has a purpose of abundant life for your child.

The third question to ask is, Are we willing to oversee our child's Christian development? By dedicating your child to God, you commit yourself to maintain a Christian home where Christ is honored and the word of God is believed and obeyed. A child's first impression of God comes from you, so you must strive to live Christ-like lives at all times. Baby dedication is not a one-time event, but rather a life style of church attendance, service and involvement. It is an active Christian life example in the home of love, and dedication to one another, and to the disciplines of prayer and study.

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It is our desire at Cade Chapel for the parents of each child being dedicated to the Lord

to have a Biblical understanding of what "baby dedication" means. With this as our goal, we would like you to answer a few, brief questions that will help you and your child for dedication.

Child's Full Name _____

Child's Sex **M** or **F** Child's Date of Birth _____

Are the parents of the child(ren) married? ___yes ___no (If no, please read policy below.)

Father's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____ (Mobile) _____ (Home)

Birthdate _____ Birthplace (City/State) _____

If you need more space to answer the following questions, please use the back of this sheet.

Are you a: Member of SCC? _____ How long? _____

Regular attender of SCC? _____ How long? _____

Member at another church? _____ Where? _____

- Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? _____
- How long ago? _____ Where? _____

Mother's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____ (Mobile) _____ (Home)

Birthdate _____ Birthplace (City/State) _____

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Baby Dedication Policy

It is the policy of SCC to dedicate all children whose parents request such service. However, in instances where the parents of the child are not married, such dedications will take place either in the office of the pastor or in the fellowship center. Dedications are a time to celebrate both the life of the child and the life of the family as an institution ordained by God. The use of the sanctuary for such moments is significant because it is God's holy place. As a community of faith, we are careful to promote those values, beliefs and images that best represent God's order and principles as it relates to family life. Private dedications of up to 20 people can be arranged in the fellowship center or 10 in the pastor's office. Please inform the secretary which space you would like to use.