

# Child Dedication



"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.  
Impress them on your children."

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

## No one will have more influence on your child than YOU!

We believe that what happens at home is more important than what happens at church. It is our hope that we can partner with you from the very beginning. We want to be your biggest fans, your strongest supporters, and your trusted guides as you raise your child to know what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Baby/Child Dedication is the practice of Christian parents presenting their child to God in an act of dedicating themselves to raise the child in the Christian faith; and asking for God's blessing upon the child. Baby/Child Dedication is a holy covenant between the parents and God. This covenant should be entered into reverently and should be taken seriously. By dedicating your baby/child to the Lord you are...

- \* Publicly affirming that you have a personal relationship with Jesus and are striving to live out your trust and faith in Him daily.
- \* Recognizing that your child is a gift from God.
- \* 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 Sunday morning Worship Services.
- \* Modeling before your child your love for God and His Word in your home,

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

*Deuteronomy 6:5-7*

- \* Looking for that "teachable moment" when you may present Christ to your child and have the joy of leading him/her into a personal relationship with Christ Jesus.

At the dedication service you will be asked to make a short Dedication Statement. Your statement should include the following:

- \* Thanksgiving - Recognize the child is a gift from God
- \* Marriage - Child rearing begins with a healthy devoted marriage
- \* Nurturing - How will you be responsible for the physical, mental and social growth of your child?
- \* Training - How will you take responsibility for the spiritual formation of your child?
- \* Blessing - Ask God for His blessing upon you, as a parent and upon your child.

If there is a special Bible Verse you would like in the service, please include it in your Statement.

Please fill out the following Questionnaire/Application for Child/Baby Dedication tear off and return to the church office along with a picture of the child at least **one week** prior to your scheduled parent meeting.



**Dedication** Questionnaire/Application

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Boy / Girl

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Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions:

**Mother:**

Have you committed your life to following Christ? Briefly explain your relationship with Him:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you attend Westlake Church regularly (3 or more times a month)? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the wife of the child's father? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not the wife of the child's father, how did you become a single parent?

\_\_\_\_ Death \_\_\_\_ Divorce \_\_\_\_ Other - explain \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently living with someone you are not married to? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you and the child's father in agreement with this dedication? \_\_\_\_\_

**Father:**

Have you committed your life to following Christ? Briefly explain your relationship with Him:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you attend Westlake Church regularly (3 or more times a month)? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the husband of the child's mother? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not the husband of the child's mother, how did you become a single parent?

\_\_\_\_\_ Death \_\_\_\_\_ Divorce \_\_\_\_\_ Other - explain \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently living with someone you are not married to? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you and the child's mother in agreement with this dedication? \_\_\_\_\_

**Grandparents:**

Name of Mother's Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Will they be attending the dedication service? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like for them to be recognized? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Father's Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Will they be attending the dedication service? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like for them to be recognized? \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Use:**

Date of Parent Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor conducting the Parent Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Dedication Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor officiating the Dedication Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Book \_\_\_\_\_ Gift \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate \_\_\_\_\_ Photo \_\_\_\_\_