

## **Baby Dedication Information**

## What Is Baby Dedication?

Baby dedication is a ceremony by Christian parents/guardians to dedicate their children back to the Lord. Baby dedication is not salvation, nor the equivalent of being born again. At Harvest Fellowship Church, we highly value this custom as it pronounces a blessing on the children at a young age.

The rite is intended to be a public statement by the parents that they will train their children in the Christian faith and seek to instill that faith in them. The congregation will be asked to respond through responsive reading to affirm that they, as a church family, will also seek to encourage the parents to bring up the children in the faith.

#### What Is the Process?

Due to the spiritual nature of the questions asked during the Baby Dedication Ceremony, it is helpful for the pastor to understand the marital and living situation of both parents. Therefore, an appointment with the pastor is essential. Such a meeting is also a time to discuss the meaning of this event, and how a baby dedication is different than an infant baptism.

Once your application is received in the office, the pastor will call you to schedule an appointment with you for a face-to-face meeting and to confirm the date of the ceremony.

During the morning worship service, chairs will be reserved for each family having a baby dedicated. At the appropriate time in the worship service, the pastor will invite parents, godparents and the child being dedicated to come to the front of the sanctuary to begin the Baby Dedication Ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a Certificate of Dedication will be provided to the parents.

Baby dedications take place on 3rd Sunday of each month.
The Baby Dedication counseling must be completed in advance, preferably by both parents.
At least one parent must be born again.
Children are dedicated up to 6 years of age.
It is preferred that the children wear white.
The parents will be asked to participate by publically praying over their child/children as part of the
ceremony.

# **BABY DEDICATION REQUEST FORM**

If you would like to have a baby/child dedicated at Harvest Church, please submit one form per child.

## **PLEASE PRINT!**

CHILD'S INFORMATION							
First Name:	Last Name: _						
Date of Birth:/	Gender:Male	Female					
Requested Month of Dedication:	Second Option:						
PARENTAL INFORMATION #1							
I am the child'sMother Grandmothe	erLegal Guardian						
First Name:	Last Name: _						
Address:							
Email Contact:	_@	_Tel:					
PARENTAL INFORMATION #2							
I am the child's ② father ② grandfather	2 legal guardian						
First Name:	Last Name: _						
Address:							
Email Contact:	_@	_Tel:					
Are one or both parents/grandparents/gua	rdians born again Christ	ians?YesNo					
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Pastor(s) to understand the marital and living situation of parents/grandparents/guardians.

Which of the following	g best describes the	marital and living	situation?	
_Married and living together		_Never married and living together		
_Never married and r	not living together	Divorced	Separated	
_Other (please explai	n:			
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GODPARENTS INFORI	<u>MATION</u>			
Godparents Names:				
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Who will participate in	n the Rahy Dedicatio	ın Ceremony?		
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	Father	Godparent(s)		
	_Grand Father			
Guardian(s)				