



Baby Dedication

The Baby Dedication is a time for self analysis and accountability, a time of determination and promise . It not only offers the parents the opportunity to introduce their little one to the church, but mainly is publicly accepting their God-given responsibility to parent according to godly principles. Success in child rearing is unachievable apart from God and His Word.. It is also unattainable without the concerted effort of parents or guardians to live a separated Christian lifestyle.



Dedicating your child to the Lord is a commitment that you, as a parent, do before God and the church. In turn, your church - Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church commits to God and your family, to support you in prayer and counseling; to assist you with Biblical teachings concerning parenthood; and to provide opportunities and facilities through which you and your child can enter into the fullness of the Christian faith.

The Event

Date Baby Dedications are held on **3rd Sundays after the benediction of our 11:00 a.m. worship service.** Completion of this form does not guarantee that the Senior Pastor will perform your ceremony. Once the Baby Dedication form is completed and submitted to the Administrative Office, you will be contacted by phone concerning your request and scheduling.

Scripture Reference

Dedication of Children

- Mark 10:13-16
- 1 Samuel 1
- 1 Matthew 19:13-15
- Luke 2:22-24
- Ephesians 6:1-4



Duties of the Parents

- Deuteronomy 6:7
- Proverbs 22:6
- 2 Corinthians 2:14
- Ephesians 6:4
- 1 Timothy 3:4
- Titus 2:4



After filling out this form, please tear it off, and hand it to an usher or place it in the Administrative Assistant box in the Mail Room. You may also mail this to the church.

For any questions or additional information, please contact Orange Grove Administrative office.

Thank you.

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The joy of Jesus' birth was shared with the people of God in the House of God. Like most Jewish parents in that day, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be presented to God. Long before this time, Godly parents presented their children to God. And to this day, parents bring their children to God, asking His blessing.

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him (Jesus) to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Luke 2:22 (NIV)



As parents presenting your child to the Lord, you are signifying 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. You're also 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 holy life and to value the good gifts God has given us. You promise to give your child every opportunity and encouragement to development intends him or her to be.

Dedication before God and the church means that you realize that the church should have a large part in the spiritual growth of your family. I mean a commitment to model a Christian lifestyle by worshipping with a church family regularly.

Guidelines for Parents

In keeping with the spirit of excellence in ministry, the following guidelines should ensure a smooth Dedication Ceremony.

- Our Policy is to only dedicate children whose parents, grandparents, or guardian(s) are members of Orange Grove MBC. Parent(s) or legal Guardian(s) must be members in good standing at Orange Grove.
- A completed Baby Dedication Application must be submitted at least 4 weeks prior to requested date.
- The child dedicated must not exceed twelve (12) months of age. Exceptions will be given for special circumstances, such as adoptions.
- When prompted, the baby to be dedicated and his or her parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and Godparents should come forward.
- Completion of this form does not guarantee exclusivity. You understand that there may be more than one Baby Dedication scheduled or a group ceremony.
- Completion of this form does not guarantee that the Senior Pastor will perform your ceremony. In the event that He is unavailable, a Minister shall be appointed by the Pastor to perform the Baby Dedication.
- You will be presented with your Baby Dedication Certificate after the ceremony is completed.

Love God, your God, with your whole heart love Him with all that's in you, love Him with all you've got! Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Deuteronomy 6:5-7 (MSG)



Baby Dedication Form

By completing this form you agree with the guidelines given to this brochure.

(Please print below)

Parent(s) Information

Father's Name _____

Mother's Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Child's Information

First Name _____

Middle Name _____

Father's Name _____

Last Name _____

Generation (Jr., Sr., II, etc.) _____

Date of Birth _____

Gender: Male [☐]

Female [☐]

By signing below, I testify that I am born-again and I will—to the best of my ability and God's help, lead a Godly life before my child/children.

Father's Signature _____

Mother's Signature _____