Baby Dedication

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Celebrating and committing our families to the Lord.

We're honored to host you and your family at our next Baby Dedication service. But we want you to know... It's so much more than just an event.

[Deu 6:5-7] 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Baby Dedication celebrations serve as a way for families to begin thinking about what their child needs most. We believe that need is love. Yes, your love –but more importantly, the love of their Heavenly Father. Baby Dedication is all about parents recognizing the God-given role they have in sharing Christ's love with their children. (Ephesians 6:4)

What about Baby Dedication and Marriage?

Biblically, God's original intention and design is for the family to be comprised of a father and mother, united in marriage. And we believe the Scriptures teach that while no parent is perfect, the best gift a child can receive is the loving example of their parents rooted in God's Word and Christ Jesus.

We lovingly invite parents who are not married and are considering dedication to contact us at *children@friendsbaptist.church.* We would love to learn your story and help couples, or single parents navigate some of the parenting challenges and/or baby-dedication questions you might have.

Do I need to be a member to dedicate my child?

You do not need to be a member of Friends Baptist to dedicate your baby. Though we would love to have you! We do recommend taking our Encounter Weekend and would love that your family would be a part of the Friends Family. As your church family, we are here to partner with you as the body of Christ and support you as a family unit.

At what age can a baby take part in a dedication service?

While Friends doesn't have a set age requirement for a baby dedication, we have found that the best time is 18 months or younger.

Is there a cost to participate?

No. This special service is a gift from your Friends family to you and your guests. Just come and enjoy!

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How do I sign up for the next Encounter Class?

Encounter is every few months. You can get the schedule and register by visiting friendsbaptist.church/encounter

Can I invite family and friends to the service?

By all means! You will find that this will enhance the significance of the service for you and will also give them an opportunity to witness your own faith in Jesus Christ.

What is the schedule, and should I arrive early to save seats?

It's not necessary for you to arrive early to save seats. Once you register for the dedication service, we'll reserve seats for you and your guests. Your rows will have a sign with your child's name on it so you can be assured you and your guests will be able to sit together.

Where does the dedication take place?

We will have you and your family walk up on the stage so Pastor can acknowledge you all and the responsibility that everyone has to raise your child to honor God. You will walk up on the stage from the side closest to where you are seated and then walk down the other side to go back to your seats.

What is appropriate attire for this service?

You can come as dressed up as you'd like or as informal as you'd like, it's entirely up to you. Feel free to dress as though you were coming to one of our regular Sunday morning services.

Will I receive a certificate of dedication?

Yes! The certificate will be sent to you in the mail within two weeks of the service. It will include a family photo of you and your baby that we'll take while at the dedication service.

Parenting is a Gift and Responsibility

Parenting really is an amazing journey. There is joy beyond words, but there are challenges at every corner. Ultimately, we believe being a parent is a special way in which God sanctifies us and gives a glimpse of His creative love for each one of us.

The best thing you can do to invest in your child's future is to invest in your personal relationship with Jesus. *(Ephesians 6:16, Hebrews 12:11)* We encourage all parents to attend our Encounter Weekend prior to dedication as it is an investment in your own faith development. While parents are the primary disciple-makers of the home, the church is also called to partner with families in helping children know and follow Jesus.

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