



Baby Dedication - 2008

Congratulations on the arrival of your new baby! As a member of Common Ground, you are invited to participate in baby dedication for your child age 0-18 months. In order to make the day as special as possible for our families, we are limiting the number of babies being dedicated to 5 at each of the morning services on a dedication day. To accommodate all of our babies, we'll be holding dedications every other month! Below is the list of baby dedication dates for 2008 and the deadlines for registration (you must have all information and a picture of your baby to the church office by the deadline):

January 6 – deadline December 28
January 27 – deadline January 18
March 2 – deadline February 22
May 4 – deadline April 25
July 6 – deadline June 27
September 7 – deadline August 29
November 2 – deadline October 31

To register for the next baby dedication, please contact Martina at 251-1494 or martina@cground.org. Information needed for registration includes: baby's full name, birth date, gender, names of parents, and preferred service time (9 am or 11 am). We will do our best to honor your requested service time, but please recognize registration is first-come, first-serve, and we encourage you to register early! A photo of your child (.jpg format is preferred) also needs to be provided to Martina prior to the deadline.

What is Baby Dedication?

Baby Dedication is **not** similar to infant baptism that is practiced in other faith communities and there is no implication of any kind of saving act that occurs. Our ceremony is a public recognition of the importance of the parent's role in providing a nurturing and loving context where their children can experience the Gospel first hand and thus grow into a mature and personal decision to follow Christ. Your participation in this day is a time for you to commit publicly to raise your child in the way of Christ. It is a time where you recognize the importance of your commitment to your own spiritual formation and thus the formation of your child's spirit as well.

It is our privilege to journey with you, to pray for you, and to help equip you to live out the calling that you have received as parents. May God richly bless you and your family as you embark for the first time or are already engaged in the glorious journey of parenting.

Day of Baby Dedication

Parents will meet outside the Nursery 15 minutes prior to service. Families will be lined up in alphabetical order and will enter the sanctuary at the beginning of service. A pastor will make a few comments, pray for the families, and then the children and parents will be introduced. As your names are called, please step to the front of the sanctuary to receive your certificate and bookmarks while your child's picture is shared with the congregation. Once all families are recognized, everyone will return to the worship service.

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