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REDLINE CHURCH BABY DEDICATION

What is baby dedication?

The word "dedication" means "to consecrate" or the act of setting apart people or things to serve God. In the Old Testament, we see how Hannah prayed for a child and promised God that the child, Samuel, would be given to the Lord all the days of his life. (1 Samuel 1:11, 28). In the New Testament, we see how Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple to "present" Him to the Lord (Luke 2:22).

These parents took this act very seriously and were making a commitment in presenting their children to the Lord. Bringing a child before the Lord is NOT a secret formula for keeping them from ever experiencing harm or pain. It is a commitment that parents make to do their part in raising the child before the Lord. Just as the Nazarite children in the Bible had set boundaries and lived their lives set apart to God from birth (Judges 13:5), parents today, through baby dedication, commit to a lifestyle of raising their children in the Word of God and in the Body of Christ.

What kind of commitment am I making?

As parents, you begin by publicly acknowledging your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. As you present your child to God in the presence of the pastor and congregation, you are recognizing that he or she belongs to God and has been born to experience His love and to serve Him. You are committing, as Christian parents, to teach the truths of God's Word in your home and participate in regular worship with your children. You are also committing to be a Christ-like example and seek to lead your children to a personal faith in Christ as soon as they are ready.

What happens at the baby dedication?

Baby dedications generally occur following the worship service. We ask that you arrive shortly before the service starts and find a seat in the front right section closest to the platform and steps. The pastor will call up the family and pray over child, asking God for His protection and guidance, and to lead the child to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The pastor will then pray over parents. After baby dedication, you may take your child to the nursery and return to the service.

Are there any requirements?

To have your child dedicated at Redline Church:

- We ask parents to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- We ask parents to be sure their beliefs line up with Redline's statements of belief (can be found on website under New here then Welcome tab.)
- We ask parents to be regular attenders of Redline's weekend services.
- We ask parents who are living together and who are not married to take steps to acknowledge and surrender to God's plan for their relationship before participating in a child dedication service.

We are open to having conversations with you on any of the above statements. If you are interested, contact us at 409.203.4211.

Okay, we're ready. What do we do now?

Parents should both read this packet & be sure to complete the form below & return to Next Steps Table. Someone will contact you to confirm a date and finalize details.

A Word From The Pastor

Children are a gift from God and are precious to Him. Dedicating our children to the Lord is an important covenant we make before God. It is through baby dedication that parents make this covenant and publicly proclaim their faith in Christ and their commitment to pass their faith on to their children. As a church, we desire to help you succeed in this parenting journey. For this reason, we have prepared this packet to assist you in understanding what baby dedication is all about. Please take the time to read it over. Any questions or further information about these guidelines may be directed to the Redline Church Administrator at 409.203.4211. May God richly bless you as you welcome this new life into your family!



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Baby Dedication Information Form

Please fill out & turn into the NEXT STEPS TABLE

Today Date _____

Childs name as you would like it to appear on the Dedication Certificate.

Childs Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

PARENTS NAME

Father _____

Mother _____

Are the parents of the child(ren) married? ___yes ___no

Have both parents accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? ___yes ___no

How long have you been attending Redline Church? _____

What does having your baby dedicated mean to you?

I verify that the information I have provided in this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Father Signature _____

Mother Signature _____