

CALVARY CHAPEL SANTA FE SPRINGS

BABY DEDICATION

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BABY DEDICATION INFORMATION



Here at Calvary Chapel Santa Fe Springs we believe that children are a blessing and a gift from God. Thank you for your interest in dedicating your baby to the Lord and for desiring to raise your child in His ways. We want to come along side of you, the parents or guardians, and lift you up to the Lord, as you lift up your little one.

The decision to publically dedicate your child to the Lord, and to commit yourself to do everything in your power to raise them in a godly way, are a great start towards building a solid foundation on God and His word early in your child's life. We are happy to pray for your family and come alongside you as you take this step of faith.

We ask that you request a date for your baby's dedication by filling out the enclosed form and returning it to the church office (Tuesday-Saturday) or the Information Desk (after any regular church service). You will be contacted by John and Susan Czerwinski to set a date and to go over our practice and procedure needed for your baby's dedication.

WHY DO WE DEDICATE OUR CHILDREN TO THE LORD?

The model for our baby dedication services are based in scripture. In Luke 2, we are told that Jesus Himself was presented to the Lord. Many Christians have adopted the custom of publicly dedicating their children to the Lord in front of the church congregation.

"...They brought Him to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord"

LUKE 2:22b

Here at CCSFS, we dedicate our children, but do not practice infant baptism.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

Ephesians 2:8-9

Baptism is a voluntary outward expression of faith demonstrating that a believer wants to follow the example that Jesus Christ left for us. Here at CCSFS, we dedicate our babies and small children rather than baptizing them because they are not yet at an age to make the decision to follow Jesus. When children make the decision to accept Jesus as their personal Savior, we encourage them to be baptized

"Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Romans 6:4

As is the case for all parents, we pray that those parents desiring to dedicate

their children to the Lord have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

As parents or guardians of those children you desire to dedicate to the Lord, we pray that you have:

- Have committed their hearts and life to Jesus
- Are seeking Him
- Are reading their Bible and spending time in prayer.

Proverbs 22:6, instructs Christians to train up their children in the way they should go, understanding that when they are older they will not depart from it. After dedicating your child to the Lord, it is your responsibility to instruct your children in Jesus' ways. This is done by sharing the Word of God with them, taking them to church, discipling them and teaching them to develop a personal relationship with the Lord.

MOTHER'S INFORMATION

Mother's Name: _____

Relationship if not child's biological mother: _____

Are you a born-again Christian?

Yes, if so how long: _____ No

Is CCSFS your home fellowship?

Yes, if so how long: _____ No

Please describe your relationship with the Lord:

Why do you wish to dedicate your child to the Lord?

Mother's Signature: _____

CHILD'S INFORMATION

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____

DATES REQUESTED FOR DEDICATION

Dedication services are held Sundays at our 11am service.

1st choice: _____

2nd choice: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Reviewed by: _____

Date: _____

Approved Pending

PLEASE NOTE:

YOU WILL BE CONTACTED APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK FROM THE TIME YOU SUBMIT THIS REQUEST. THANK YOU