

# Baby-Parent Dedication Form

## River Ridge Neighborhood Church

**Deuteronomy 6:4-7** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

**Purpose.** It is exciting when a new child enters a family. There is no greater moment than when parents acknowledge a child as a gift and responsibility given to them by God. A baby dedication service is one in which the parents present their child before the Lord and the congregation and ask for His grace and wisdom to carry out their responsibilities. At that time the parents make a serious vow to raise this child to the best of their ability with the help of the Lord. This is also a time in which parents and congregation pray that the child will one day accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

**Who may participate?** Any adult believer may participate in this dedication to Christian parenting, if they serve in that capacity in the child's life. This may include extended family members or godparents.

**What age child may participate?** We suggest that dedication be limited to newborns through age two. An older child could become confused by thinking that this ceremony signified a salvation experience, rather than a dedication ceremony.

## Baby-Parent Dedication Request

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?

**Mother:** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Not Sure \_\_\_      **Father** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Not Sure \_\_\_

2. Date requested for dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

3. As parents, what does having your baby dedicated mean to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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