

Dear Parents:

Thank you for your interest in participating in our upcoming baby dedication. This packet is designed to answer any question that you may have about baby dedication. What a privilege God has given you to raise a child to know Him and grow up to be the person that God designed them to be. Please read the enclosed information about the requirements for baby dedication at Cornerstone Ministries. If you are able to agree with and can truthfully fulfill the vows, please fill out the application form and return it to the church office. A brief counseling session will be scheduled with one of the pastors once we receive your application.

Dedications are performed at both the 9 and 11 a.m. services. The dedication will be at the beginning of each of the services. Dedications are done four times a year and applications are due several weeks in advance.

We pray that God will give you the wisdom, grace and love that you need to raise your child. We will be praying for you to be a Godly and wise parent. For a schedule of the next baby dedication, or if you have additional questions, please contact me at 724.733.0070 x235 or jmarsalese@cornerstonelive.net.

Til Christ is Formed in Them,

Jennifer Marsalese
Director of Children's Ministry

Why a Baby Dedication?

At Cornerstone Ministries, we believe that baptism is something done only after a person makes a conscious choice to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. However, we recognize the importance of making a commitment to raise your child in a Christian manner. We designed Baby Dedication as a way for parents to publicly confess their intent to raise their children in Christ.

Who can dedicate a baby?

At Cornerstone Ministries, we believe that parents are given the responsibility for raising and nurturing a child throughout their life. Parents will answer to God for how they have impacted the life of their child. Because this authority and responsibility lies with the parents, only parents or legal guardians of a child may dedicate a child to the Lord.

What are the vows taken in Baby dedication?

1. First, for a parent to stand up before the church and dedicate their baby, they must confess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and have their life committed to His lordship and will
2. Secondly, parents must accept their duty and privilege of living out a godly life before their child. Unwed parents, living together may not dedicate a child.
3. Thirdly, parents must vow to give disciplined care to teaching their children the Scriptures and essential of the faith. They must also give priority to both private and public worship of the Lord.
4. Fourthly, parents vow to make every effort to work in partnership with the church in helping their child come to a full understanding of the gift of salvation and one day make that commitment on their own.

Do I need Counseling for dedication?

Yes, each parent who would like to dedicate their baby must meet with a pastor to review their commitment and to ensure that there is understanding of the vows.

Do I need to be a Member of Cornerstone Ministries?

No, you do not need to be a member. However, you should be a committed attendee to the church for at least three months because you are making vows involving the church. We also as a church body want to support you in anyway that we can.

What should I do on the day of dedication?

Please be at church 15 minutes early and sit toward the front of the sanctuary. The Pastor will call you forward onto the stage when it is time. This is usually during the offertory at the beginning of the service.

Who should be a part of the dedication?

You may invite anyone that you would like to sit in the service, but we ask that just you and your children come up on the stage. Your other children are welcome on the stage during the dedication, but this is not necessary if you feel they would be more of a distraction to you during this time.

What should the baby and the family wear for the dedication?

There is no dress code for the family or the babies for dedication. Many parents elect to “dress up” the child for this occasion. Please feel comfortable to wear what you would like.