

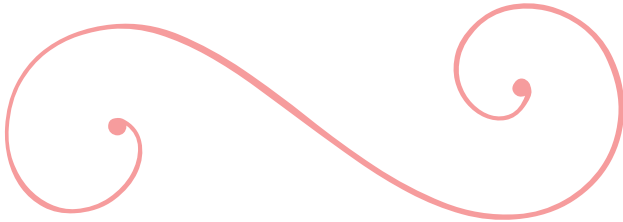
DEDICATION COVENANT

Believing that dedicating your child is a covenant made between the parents/guardians and God, it is our purpose that you approach this decision as a sacred and serious commitment. As parent/guardian of the child you are planning to dedicate, you will need to read over the following vows that you will be responsible for in raising your child and sign the agreement below.

1. Live for God in front of your children
2. Tell your children about Jesus Christ and His love and Salvation for us.
3. Keep your children in church
4. Claim the promises of God's Word over your children.

As the parent/guardian of _____
I pledge to keep these vows and agree to covenant with God in raising my child.

(signature of parent/guardian) _____
(signature of parent/guardian)



"I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord."

1 SAMUEL 1:27-28



WAY DO WE DEDICATE OUR CHILDREN TO THE LORD?



What do we do to publicly acknowledge our gratitude and commitment to the Lord in receiving and raising our children? The New Testament does not give straightforward directions, although it does tell of an event in the life of Jesus which provides a helpful and instructive pattern to follow in dedicating our children to the Lord.

“Then some children were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, ‘Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’ After laying His hands on them, He departed from there.”
Matthew 19:13-15

second, we bring our babies to Jesus in the context of a church body who affirms their worth, providing an environment where they can come to know Jesus. It’s interesting that many in the world, view children as more of a burden than a blessing. But Jesus affirmed the worth of the children and some harsh words for his proud disciples. His command, “Do not hinder them from coming to me,” applies to all those who will surround the parents at this important event.

third, we bring our babies to Jesus accepting the awesome responsibility He has given us as parents. Jesus did not keep the children, but he handed them to their parents as a demonstration that the care of these children belonged to them. The baby dedication, in the same way, the parents offer their children to the Lord, but the stewardship of their little life remains in their hands.

As well as filling out the baby dedication brochure, we would also like families to submit pictures of their child to be dedicated. During the ceremony, there will be a picture presentation of your child.

We ask that you submit these pictures either in a CD format or email the pictures to info@compelledchurch.tv

* If you are submitting a CD, please turn it into the front office no later than one week before the dedication.

*We need 10-15 pictures of your child to be dedicated.

There are many things to notice about this that are instructive for baby dedication.

first, we bring our babies to Jesus as an expression of our own faith in Him. Parents who dedicate their babies to the Lord are doing this in an expression of their own faith, rather than out of obligation from religion. Just as Jesus did, we lay our hands on these babies and we also pray for them, believing that this will have a great impact on them.

This is not an empty ritual but an act of great significance and power. To preserve the integrity and meaning of this event, we ask that the parents be married and both have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We also dedicate babies of single moms and dads. Children of single parents who are living with a partner (not married, as defined by the Bible) cannot be dedicated at Compelled Church.

Baby’s Full Name DOB boy girl

Other Child to be Dedicated DOB boy girl

Parent’s/Guardian’s Names

Address

City State Zip Code

Daytime Phone Cell Phone

Email

Gathering Time Preference
 Saturday 6PM Sunday 9AM Sunday 11AM

Date Requested for Dedication

For Parents:
Mother’s Name Father’s Name

Relationship
 Married Single Mother Single Father

yes do you attend Compelled regularly?
no

yes have you both committed your lives
no to following Christ?

yes are you both in agreement with this dedication?
no

Please complete and turn into the Welcome Center or turn into the office M-F 9AM-4PM.