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First Baptist Church
Of South Orange

Baby and Children Dedication (Christening)

*"Let the little children come to me, And do not
hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs
to such as these."* Matthew 19:14



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On behalf of the Ministerial staff, the official Board and members of First Baptist Church, we rejoice and celebrate with you on the birth of your child. Children are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. We believe baby dedication is a solemn and serious undertaking. As a Christian Church, we have a Biblical mandate to adhere in to in regards to childbirth and marriage. Therefore our policy is as follows:

Children of married parents and adopted children of single parents will be dedicated on the 2nd Sunday of the month during our 11:00AM worship service.

Children of unwed parents will be dedicated privately at a time arranged with and by the church office.

All parents and godparents of the child are required to attend a Pre-Christening class. The class is held the second Monday of each month at 7:30PM at First Baptist Church, 103 Valley Street, South Orange, NJ 07079. Godparents or parents that cannot attend the Pre-Christening class due to location or work schedule can be excused from class with accountability. The parent(s) of the child will be instructed to explain their responsibilities. Please notify the instructor if a parent or godparent is not present during a class.

The parent of the child will receive a baby dedication certificate signed by the senior pastor or the officiating clergy. Be advised that any one of our ordained clergy staff, or the assistant pastor may officiate the dedication ceremony on that day which may include several other families dedicating their child to the Lord as well.

Age is not a factor when it comes to dedicating your child to God. Parents have been known to rededicate their children at the beginning of their teenage years, sweet 16 or rights of passage ages. It is never too late to dedicate your child. Jesus says to "suffer the children and forbid them not."

Private dedications are available upon request according to the availability of a staff pastor.

Dedication Information

(please print)

Name of Child Being Dedicated: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Hospital (add city and state): _____

Name of Parents:

(Mother) _____

(Father) _____

Name of Godparents: _____

Contact Person and Number (during the day):

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Baby Dedication Pre-Interview Questions

What services do you attend on a regular basis? _____

What areas of the church are you serving in? _____

Are both parents committed Christians? If not, please describe your spiritual affiliation.

Do you support the Church with your tithes and offerings? _____

Are all the persons you have selected as godparents committed Christians? If not, please describe their spiritual affiliation. _____