

Baby Dedication Package



Dear Parents in Christ:

Let me be the first to congratulate you on your decision to dedicate your child to the Lord. In the dedication ceremony, you are making a public commitment to raise your child according to the Word of God. At PCCC, we encourage our families to have a Christian vision for their children. We want them to see parenting as a divine responsibility. We believe every child is a gift from God.



We at the Passaic County Christian Center are pleased to be a part of this special time for your family. We are so excited for you and your family as God has blessed you with the gift of a precious life. As you look forward to the day in which you will dedicate your child to the Lord, be assured that the PCCC family will join you in prayer, asking God to bless your public declaration of devotion and service to Him.

We want you to fully understand the heart behind the custom before entering into a ceremony of such significance and implication. Please take the time to completely read and fill out the enclosed information form. This form will register you for the next available baby dedication.

You may return your application via regular mail or hand it to an usher in an envelope written to: ATTN: Senior Pastor. Upon receipt of your application, you will receive a confirmation phone call with the available services to participate in the Baby Dedication.

If you have more questions, please feel free to email one of the pastors. Once again, congratulations and may God continue to richly bless you and your family.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Peter Ramos
Senior Pastor

Who should be dedicated?

Baby dedications are for newborn babies through 12 years. It does not take the place of a “baby baptism.” Although many Christian churches baptize infants, the Bible clearly indicates that “baptism” can only be done when one is old enough to make a personal decision for Jesus as his or her Lord and Savior. Baby dedications are for children who are not yet able to make that personal decision. Dedicating a baby does not bring protection to or sanctify a child. The child is separated, sanctified and protected according to the parents’ relationship with God and their faith in His promises.

What does dedication include?

Parents make a promise to God, in front of the Body of Christ, that they will raise their child according to the Word of God. Pastor, along with the congregation, agree in prayer for the parents and the child. As a church, we applaud their decision to raise the child in the ways of the Lord. The child will receive a Certificate of Dedication.



Why do we dedicate children?

The essence of this practice is found in 1 Samuel chapters 1 and 2, where we see Hannah, who had a deep personal relationship with God, pray and ask that she be given a child on the condition that she would then give the child back to the Lord.

What are the requirements of the parents?

Children learn by example, not by what we tell them. Parents who do not have a personal relationship with God cannot teach a child the proper way to live a Christian life. This means that at least one of the child’s parents must be born again, and he or she makes the promise to God that the child will be brought up according to God’s Word.

As we see in 1 Corinthians 7:14, the blessings that flow to believers do not stop with them but extend to others. God regards marriage as set apart for His use by the presence of one Christian spouse. The other spouse does not receive salvation automatically but is blessed by this relationship. The child of such a marriage has a Godly influence and is set apart (because of God’s blessing on the family unit), until the child is old enough to make his or her own decision for Christ.

We do not dedicate babies whose parents are not married and live together. The Scriptures are clear as to the sexual union being exclusively reserved for the institution of marriage. (However, single parents who have sinned by having sexual relationships outside of marriage, and have repented, should contact our Pastoral staff at the church office.) These requests will be considered on an individual basis.

When are baby dedications held at PCCC?

Baby dedications are scheduled once a month as necessary during our Sunday Celebrations.

Is there a fee?

There is no fee to dedicate your child; however, we do ask that you make a donation of any amount to the church to continue to help us build the Kingdom. Suggested donation: \$50.00.

If you have additional questions regarding baby dedications, please contact our Pastoral Team via email. If you meet the criteria set forth above and the ones identified below:

1. You are born again and practicing a lifestyle that will show Jesus to your child
2. You will promise to instruct the child according to the teachings of the Word of God, please complete the application attached and return it to an usher in a self-addressed envelope ATTN: Senior Pastor or mail it to our administrative office. We will contact you prior to the scheduled dedication date to confirm that your child or children will be dedicated. In order for your child to be dedicated, you must first receive confirmation from the church office.

BABY DEDICATION APPLICATION

Please fill out this application as completely as possible. If you can't remember certain things, that is fine, just try your best. We consider it an honor that you'd like us to dedicate your child to the Lord.

Father's name: _____

When did you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? _____

Mother's name: _____

When did you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Are the parents married? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you a member of PCCC? _____ Yes _____ No

How long have you attended PCCC? _____

Day phone: (____) _____ - _____ Evening phone: (____) _____ - _____

Cell phone: (____) _____ - _____ Other phone: (____) _____ - _____

Please provide the following information for use in preparing the Certificate of Dedication:

Child's full name: _____

Hospital and city/state where child was born: _____

Child's date of birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Who will the witnesses be? (Optional)

1. _____ 2. _____

Signatures: _____
Mother Date

Father Date

Witness #1 Date

Witness #2 Date