

Child Dedication!

Children are loved by God!

According to the Bible, everyone (adult or child) who recognizes his or her need of a Savior and then repents and believes in Christ should be baptized (**Acts 2:38,41; 8:36-38**). But in the Scripture there is no record of infants or very young children being baptized. This is because they are not yet able to understand the need of a Savior.

Yet God places a high priority on children. When asked who is the greatest in the kingdom of God, Jesus responded, "Unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (**Matthew 18:3**). God's love for children is also shown in the Old Testament. In Leviticus the Lord specifically prohibited the people of Israel from offering their children as a sacrifice to the pagan god, Molech (**Leviticus 20:1-5**). It seems fair to conclude that if God forbade children from being sacrificed, He would not order those same children to be placed in the eternal fire of hell. From these Scriptures the Assemblies of God believes that children are loved by God, and until they come to an age

of understanding (some call it "the age of accountability"), they have a place in the kingdom of God. This means that should a child die before developing to a point where the knowledge of Christ can be understood and applied through forgiveness, the child would inherit eternal life in heaven as an heir of God's kingdom.

What is Baby dedication?

#1—In **Luke 2** we see the parents of the baby Jesus taking Him to the temple "to present Him to the Lord" (**Luke 2:22**). Later the Gospels tell us that little children and infants were brought to Jesus for Him to touch them and bless them (**Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17**). In following this practice, Assemblies of God churches encourage parents to publicly dedicate their children to the Lord. This is usually done in a church service. In dedicating their child the parents acknowledge the child as a gift from God and vow before Him and the congregation to set a godly example for the child and a commitment to lead the child to Christ at an early age.

Baby dedication is not infant baptism. We believe that a child must be old enough to make a conscious decision to follow Christ on their own (**Romans 10:9-10**)

#2—Baby Dedication is 3 things...

- *The parents committing to raise their child to know God not only at church but also in their home*
- *Committing your child to God and praying a blessing over them.*
- *The congregation is committing to help the parents in loving, and teaching their child about God and supporting the parents in prayer*

Child dedication is an important and meaningful act of faith!

Please fill out application and turn in to the welcome center!

APPLICATION

Parents Name: _____

Child being dedicated:
First Name: _____
Middle Name: _____
Last Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Height at Birth: _____
Weight at Birth: _____

Hospital Born in: _____

Other Family Members that will be
joining you on this occasion:

In a paragraph, describe what your #1
prayer for your child and their future
is:

Instructions

- Read this brochure and be familiar with baby dedication
- Fill out the application and turn in to the welcome center or email to info@wyandottefamily.com
- Invite your family & friends to join you on this momentous occasion
- Meet at 9:00am the Sunday before the dedication gathering . Make sure that you are on time or early.

*If you have any questions please
feel free to call the church office at
734.288.8039*



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