

## Baby Dedication Guidelines

"Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them."

-Psalms 127:3-5



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to the receptionist at the front desk.**

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## Overview of Baby Dedications

New Mount Olive Baptist Church believes that children are a gift from God, and we are very excited that you would like your baby dedicated.

The dedication ceremony is an act of worship and thanksgiving; it is a public commitment you make before God, your church and your family. It provides you, the parent(s), an opportunity to express publicly your desire to lead and spiritually nurture your child in cooperation with the Holy Spirit, so that your child will develop a desire to love God, make Jesus Christ their Savior, and love others.

The practice of baby dedications had been modeled throughout scripture. Hannah brought her long-awaited son, Samuel to the priest Eli to dedicate him to the Lord (1 Samuel 1:24-28), and Mary and Joseph brought baby Jesus to the temple for his dedication (Luke 2:21-31).

We believe that it still takes a village to raise a child. Today, more than ever, parents need the prayers, support and spiritual guidance of their church family as they experience the peaks and valleys of raising Godly children in this secular, post-modern world. To that end, the New Mount Olive church family is here to assist you as you bring up your child in the disciplines and instructions of the Lord as found in Ephesians 6:4. It is our prayer that as parents will have a Christian vision for their child, and see parenting as a sacred and divine responsibility.

## General Information

### When are dedications held? Must I be a member of the church?

Dedication ceremonies are held only on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. One parent must be a member of New Mount Olive in order for the baby dedication to be performed.

### How do I register for a baby dedication?

Complete the "Information Form" of this brochure and return it to the receptionist. The Dir. of Counseling and Family Ministries will contact you to answer any questions you may have.

### Are there any requirements in order to have my baby dedicated?

All parents (married or single) are required to complete one hour of family counseling with a Lay Counselor. The Dir. of Counseling and Family Ministries will contact you upon receipt of the "Information Form" to connect you with a Lay Counselor.

### Where are baby dedications held?

In order to lift up the biblical institution of marriage, baby dedications held in the sanctuary [during the 11:00 a.m. worship service] will be for married couples. For single parents, baby dedication are held in the G.E. Weave Chapel after the 11:00 a.m. worship service has concluded.

### Who may attend the baby dedication?

We encourage you to invite your family and friends to attend to the baby dedication ceremony and celebrate this special day with you.

## Information Form (please print clearly)

### Parents

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Married Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### Child

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gender Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

How Many Certificates Will You Need? \_\_\_\_\_