

Evangelical Chinese Church
of South King County

CHILDREN BLESSING AND PARENT DEDICATION

Registration Form

Father's Name (English) _____ (Chinese) _____ Christian: Yes or No

Mother's Name (English) _____ (Chinese) _____ Christian: Yes or No

Tel. Number _____ E-mail Address _____

Name of Child (English) _____ (Chinese) _____ Sex _____

Birth Date _____

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Biblical Basis for Children Dedication

Parents, you have brought your children into the presence of the Lord for God's blessing and your dedication of yourselves to rear the children in the Christian way of life.

It has scriptural precedent, Mary and Joseph brought our Lord, as a baby, to the Temple, where the prophet Simeon took Him in the arms, blessed Him according to the custom, and they dedicated themselves to the sacred responsibility.

This is a service of thanksgiving to God for the joy and hope that has come into the lives by the presence of this child. It is recognition of God as the Giver of Life and an affirmation that all children are His. It is a reconsecration of yourselves.

The love of a home will help enrich his (her) life, if you will keep the doors of your own lives open to God.

Do you dedicate your child to God?

Answer: **We do.**

Do you promise to give your child the best that you have learned of the ways and love of your Heavenly Father, so that he (she) may grow into the love and nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Answer: **We do.**

Pastoral Prayer

Heavenly Father, gracious and merciful, we thank You that You have given these parents the privilege of parenthood, and has blessed their home with this little life. Bless the child, O Lord, with strength of body, soundness of mind and health of soul. Help these parents to keep Christian values, to develop Christian priorities, and to walk in the paths committed to faith, truth, justice, and righteousness so that each child may grow into the likeness of Christ. Grant them patience and wisdom, good judgment, and balance for this demanding task, in the name of Jesus Christ. (PASTOR takes BABY in arms.)

This is _____, born _____.

The parents are _____ and _____.

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Instructions for
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1. Make sure that your baby/child have sufficient rest the night before and schedule their feeding hours before the dedication ceremony.
2. Have your baby/child something comfortable.
3. Please arrive at the worship center by 10:40 a.m. and be seated on the first row, piano side.
4. When you are asked to come forward, please line up in one row facing the congregation.
5. The pastor will give a brief explanation of the biblical significance of child blessing and parent dedication.
6. The pastor will offer prayer of blessing and dedication.
7. The pastor will introduce each set of parents and their baby/child to the congregation.
8. Our church will provide a photographer to document this occasion. Photos will be make available for purchase afterwards.
9. If you have family members or friends taking photos or video graphing for you, please ask them to do so as discretely as possible to preserve the spiritual significance of the occasion. They can accomplish this by minimizing their physical movement and flash photos.