

WEST TORONTO CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
BABY DEDICATION APPLICATION FORM
西區華人基督教會孩童奉獻禮申請表

Baby's Name

嬰兒姓名: _____ 中文 _____

Father's name

父親姓名: _____

Mother's name

母親姓名: _____

Date 日期: _____

孩童奉獻禮

- 不同於成人受浸禮。浸禮是個人對信仰的認同與表白。因此我們不為孩童舉行浸水禮。
- 並非孩童洗禮。我們不主張使用孩童洗禮方式使之成為基督徒，孩童奉獻儀式並非讓孩童進入天堂的途徑。
- 是父母親在神面前立約，並按照神的旨意教養孩子，一生遵行神的旨意，榮耀主名，信靠神對孩子提供更周全的照顧、供應及保護。
- 是父母親公開表示對上帝賜予新生命的感恩。「兒女是耶和華所賜的產業，所懷的胎、是他所給的賞賜。」 詩 篇 127:3
- 也是基督徒群體藉著禱告祝福鼓勵父母教導孩子信靠並敬畏神。

Baby Dedication

- It is not a baptismal service. Baptism is for a person who is old enough to make a profession of conversion; thus, we do not baptize infants in water. We practice water baptism by immersion, which occurs after personal confession of faith in Christ.
- It is also not a Christening service. We do not believe that when water is applied to an infant in a Christening service that in some mystical way a child becomes a Christian. Neither is dedication a blessing of infants service. The dedication service does not in any way assure the child of an entrance in heaven.
- It is a public commitment where parents dedicate themselves and their child to God's will and direction for His glory. It is an act of the parents whereby they present their child back to God, realizing that God can take better care of, provide for, and protect their child than they can.
It is here that parents dedicate themselves to raise their child in the knowledge of God, teaching them the things of God to the best of their ability.
- It is also a presentation of a child in thanksgiving to God for His gift of this new life. "Children are a reward from the Lord." Psalm 127:3
- It involves the prayer and commitment of the Christian community to encourage and bless both the parents and child – to come alongside the parents to be a help and strength in the task that God has given them.