

## **Baby Dedications**

Grace Church would love to be a part of helping to celebrate the birth of a new life into your family. These dedications are a way for you to bring together family, friends, and Community Group members to express your full appreciation to God for the gift of life and commit corporately to pray for your child and your parenting.

The Grace Church pastoral staff would be glad to assist you in your preparation for a celebration for your child. Dedicating a child acknowledges God's sovereignty not only over the child, but also Mom and Dad. Parents present their child before God and His people asking for grace and wisdom in carrying out their responsibilities. Parents also come praying that their child might one day trust Jesus Christ as Savior for the forgiveness of sin.

The purpose of this document is to outline some policies that will help you in the preparation for this special time. If you have additional questions or if you would like to check on the availability of a meeting space, please email [info@gracechurchsc.org](mailto:info@gracechurchsc.org).

### Suggestions for Baby Dedication Worship Time

- Try and combine your baby celebration with at least one other couple. We have had meaningful celebrations with as many as five couples.
- You may obtain a facilities use form on our website.
- Saturday afternoon, prior to the evening service, is a good time to have this event. There are little or no conflicts at that time.
- Any of the pastors at Grace Church would be glad to help you with the planning process; please contact them directly. For a staff directory, log on to [www.gracechurchsc.org/who-we-are/staff](http://www.gracechurchsc.org/who-we-are/staff).
- After securing a date, location, and a pastor, parents of all children involved will meet with the pastor to discuss the meaning of the ceremony and a potential order of service.
- Each performing pastor will help shape the ceremony according to your desires, as well as representing the desires and intentions of the elders of Grace Church.
- It is best to allow at least three months to adequately plan and prepare for this event.
- There is no perfect age for this ceremony; however we firmly believe that the infant stage is the best time for this type of celebration.