## **Baby Dedication Covenant**

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. "

Deuteronomy 6: 5-7

- I. Is it your desire to publicly acknowledge that HE/SHE is a gift from God and to give HIM the thanks for this blessing?
- II. Recognizing that HE/SHE was created by God and for God and His glory, is it your desire to publicly dedicate him back to God for HIS purposes for him?
- III. Realizing that HE/SHE will experience REAL LIFE (Ps 16:11) only as he learns to love God and to walk in His ways... Do you pledge with God's Fatherly help, to take your place as the earthly shepherds for this life?
  - 1. Will you give yourselves diligently to learn to love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind? Will you make it a personal priority in your weekly schedule to have times to study God's Word and to pray on your own? Will you make every reasonable effort to participate as parents not just in Sunday Services but in Pastorate Groups that this Church Body has designed for our spiritual growth?
  - 2. Will you bring up your child in the "instruction" of the Lord? Will you commit yourselves to make every reasonable effort to walk along side of him using daily real life experiences as training moments to teach him to interpret all situations through what God says? Will you, with patience and love, build the Word of God, the character of Christ, and the joy of the Lord in his life? Will you make every possible effort to have him participate in the Children's Ministries made available to assist you in this training process? (Please see Children's Ministry brochures)
  - 3. Will you, with God's help, pray regularly that by God's grace HIM/HER will come to trust in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of his sins and for the fulfillment of all His promises to him, even eternal life; and in his faith follow Jesus as Lord and obey His teachings?
  - 4. Do you promise to provide, through God's blessing, for the physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs of your children, looking to your own heavenly Father for the wisdom, love, and strength to serve them and not "use" them (to meet your own longings and needs)?

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 Pastor		 Date