

## **Introduction**

It is my wonderful privilege today to participate in the public dedication of

\_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_

Following the example of parents of the Bible, \_\_\_\_\_

have expressed their desire to present him / her to the Lord.

## **A little about Parents ...**

### **Scriptures for baby dedications**

Speaking of purpose and babies, I would like to read a passage from the book of Psalms,

1. "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Psalm 139:13-16
2. I have no doubt that God in His infinite wisdom purposed the formation of in her mothers womb.
3. That He indeed has great plans for her life and future.
4. Jesus demonstrated His acceptance and love for the little children when He said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them."(Matthew 19:14 NIV)

## **CHARGE TO PARENTS:**

The primary responsibility for the care of \_\_\_\_\_, of course, rests on the parents, The Scriptures say,

1. "Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6 NKJV)
2. "Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4
3. "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 6:6-7
4. \_\_\_\_\_, as you engage in this task with joy and peace, may you earnestly seek the Lord daily for His wisdom - for all the events that will occur, all the decisions to be made and all the needs to be met.
5. For as James says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. (James 1:5 NIV)
6. May you also daily give thanks to God for your child and for the joy and love she brings to your home. And as she grows, may you earnestly strive to spend adequate time with her, developing in her a strong moral foundation for life and an awareness of the Lordship of Christ and His abiding presence.

## **CHARGE TO THE EXTENDED FAMILY:**

Your child also has the benefit of the influence provided by her extended family, who are being asked to

1. provide backup support for her spiritual training. At this time, I ask that they stand to receive their charge.
2. It is your responsibility to provide a caring, supportive group for this family.
3. I ask you to be faithful in prayer for them,
4. and support their efforts to establish a strong Christian home built on Christian principles.

## **CHARGE TO THE CHURCH:**

There is one other agent of influence represented here today -- the church. And at this time members of this congregation may stand to evidence the acceptance of their part of this responsibility.

1. I charge you to do all that you can to provide and support a place of worship in this community where <- > may hear the full counsel of God's Word
2. . I urge you to be faithful in volunteering to serve in discipleship and children's ministries in this church
3. and to demonstrate affectionate kindness towards all of the children and youth of this church.
4. And I charge you to covenant before God to set an example by your lives
5. and to maintain an atmosphere in your church which shall inspire Wiley to desire the Christian way of life.

## **COMMITMENTS :**

And now, \_\_\_\_\_, in the sight of God and in the presence of these witnesses,

1. Do you solemnly undertake to bring up \_\_\_\_\_ in the fear and admonition of the Lord?
2. Do you promise early to seek to lead her to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and serve Him as her Lord?
3. Do you promise, as far as it is in your ability, to set before your daughter examples of consistent Godly living?

## **Prayer for parents and Child**

if you will all now bow your heads in prayer,

Lord we lift up Wiley to you right now and ask that you would place your hedge of protection around her, physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. That you would create a desire in her heart to seek you and desire you at a young age. That you would grow her physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Lord and we lift up \_\_\_\_\_ to you, place your hand upon them, and guide their every decision. Cause them to seek you with all their hearts, fill them with the Holy Spirit and Godly wisdom. Help them to raise up this child in a Christian home and to do all they can to teach her your ways. Give them courage to face all the trials of parenting and to look to you for strength. Now we dedicate this child and these parents unto you, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.