

16. The Pastor returns the child to the father.

17. The parents return to their seats and the Pastor returns to the pulpit.

NOTE: This service was written by L. A. Keating and is entitled "For This Child, I Prayed."

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F. Dedication Certificate

The Pastor should give a Dedication Certificate to the parents of each child he dedicates. A good certificate to use is one entitled "Certificate of Dedication." It can be obtained at most Christian Bookstores.

G. Dedication Record

The Pastor should keep a record of each child he dedicates. This record should include the full name (First, Middle, and Last) of the child, the name of the child's father, the date of the child's birth, the date of the child's dedication, and the child's residence.

X. The Baptismal Service for Infants

A. Meaning of Baptism

"Baptism is a Sacrament of the New Testament, ordained by Jesus Christ, not only for the solemn admission of the party baptized into the visible Church, but also to be unto him a sign and seal of the covenant of grace, of his ingrafting into Christ, of regeneration, or remission of sins, and of his giving up unto God, through Jesus Christ, to walk in newness of life: which Sacrament is, by Christ's own appointment, to be continued in his Church until the end of the world."

This definition is taken from the CONSTITUTION OF THE BIBLE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, p. 35.

B. Prerequisite for Baptism

At least one of the parents of the child must be saved.

C. Announcement of the Baptismal Service

The Baptismal Service should be announced well in advance in order to give the parents who desire to have their children baptized an opportunity to request it.

D. Interview with Parents

The Pastor should have an interview with the parents of each child for whom baptism is requested. The purpose of this interview is threefold: