

Baby Celebration:

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Today we are celebrating the Birth of _____.

Before we bring up the family, let be reminded of what a birth celebration is here at GCC. A Baby celebration is a commitment from the parents to raise their child in the ways of the Lord. This celebration is NOT an announcement of salvation for the child. But it is an announcement of how the parents desire to obediently raise their child in the knowledge and instruction of the Lord. As the church gathers we celebrate the birth of _____ and encourage and hold accountable the parents to make disciples in their homes.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like for you to welcome to the GCC family, a marvelous creation of our great God –

_____ Take a look at the screens as the family comes forward.

(Family comes to the stage)

Introduce family:

Dad:

Mom:

Sister:

Brother:

Baby: Star of the moment....._____ - 14 months old

As a gift, we would like to present this bible to _____; and it's our prayer that she grows to know and live out God's word.

If you are family or friends of the _____ - who have joined us today to celebrate _____, would you please raise your hand so we can welcome you? Thanks for joining us. We are so glad you are here with us today.

_(address the parents)_____...In front of your church family as witnesses I'm going to ask you a few questions regarding your family. After each question your response of "We will" will confirm that you agree.

- 1. Will you commit to remembering your marriage covenant and to making your relationship a reflection of Christ and His Church? (We will)**
- 2. Will you commit to disciplining _____ in love as the Lord has commanded - in the hope that, through obedience to you, she will obey the Lord? (We will)**
- 3. Will you commit to demonstrate to ____ the value of God's word as the final authority on all things? (We will)**
- 4. Will you commit to praying both for and with _____ pleading with the lord for his salvation? (We will)**
- 5. Will you commit to faithfully and regularly bring _____ to meet with your church family so we can encourage you to do all that you have committed to do today? (We will)**

Church: question for you, if you agree please answer with We Will.

Will you labor in prayer with the _____ over _____ and hold them accountable to all that they have committed to today? (We will)

Pray: Father, Thank you so much for the _____ family and what they mean to us. We ask that you give grace and wisdom to them to carry out their responsibilities that they have expressed today. Father, they need your love, grace and mercy to be the godly parents you are calling them to be. They want to obey this calling. May _____ see your son Jesus in her father. May he teach _____ about your ways and your salvation. God please let _____ see your love and grace in her mother. May she be an example of the church in their home. Father we the church pray that you would save _____ at a young age and that she NEVER walks away from the faith. We ask that she would have a deep desire to follow you and that she would long to LIVE for you! We ask that _____ life be a reflection of Christ and the she would bring you all the glory, honor and praise that you deserve! AMEN

Thank you all for celebrating with us this morning. We will now _____