

Baby Dedication of
Matthew John Smith
Parents: John and Mary Smith

INTRODUCTION

- Important day for Matthew John Smith
- Children are our future...hold family, nation, culture, church in their hands...The question for us is how will they lead? If they are to lead well they will need our help along the way.
- Our prayer for Matthew this day for him to grow like Jesus from Luke 2:40, "...to grow and become strong in Spirit, filled with wisdom, and to have the grace of God upon him."
- Truth: Baby dedications are about commitments
- Today, Matthew's family is making a commitment to raise Matthew in the ways of the Lord, to teach him how to walk by the Spirit, and to disciple him into a man of God.
- To the Church: It is also a commitment of you, John and Mary's church family, to help John and Mary along the way...to help them be a good Christian family...to help them when they need a break...and to help them when they reach out for godly advice.
- *3 John 1:4 - There is no greater joy than to hear that one's children are walking in truth.*

RESPONSIVE READINGS

Pastor Jeff to John and Mary: John and Mary (and family), please repeat these Bible verses after me:

- From 1 Samuel 1:11 - *O Lord Almighty / We give Matthew to You / for all the days of his life.*
- From Deuteronomy 6:5 - *We will show him / how to love You / with all of his heart, soul, and strength.*
- From Deuteronomy 6:7 - *We will teach him about You / both at home / and as we go / in the morning / and in the evening.*
- From Proverbs 22:6 - *We will train him up / in the way of the Lord / so that when he is older / he will not depart from You.*
- From Psalm 127:3 - *We thank God for Matthew / He are a blessing from You.*

Pastor Jeff holds Matthew John Smith and prays for him.

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Pastor Jeff to Family and Friends: Family and Friends, please repeat these Bible verses after me:

- To Matthew John Smith and his parents:
- From 1 John 4:11 - *We will love you / as God has loved us.*
- From Hebrews 10:24 - *We will encourage you / to love others / and do good deeds / in the name of Christ.*
- From Romans 12:15 - *We will rejoice with you / in times of rejoicing.*
- From Galatians 6:1-2 - *We will help you / through difficult times / and carry your burdens.*
- From I Thessalonians 5:17 - *We will pray for you / throughout your life.*
- From Psalm 127:3 - *You are a blessing from the Lord.*