

DEDICATION OF CHILDREN

As a child, Jesus was brought by Joseph and Mary to the house of the Lord. This was an act of dedication and recognition that He really belonged to God. People brought children to Jesus throughout His ministry. He placed His hands on each of them and blessed them. As Christians, we recognize that everything we have belongs to God. Our children belong to Him as well.

Dedication is not the salvation of a child, but a public expression of the fact that he or she belongs to Him. This “setting apart” is an act by the parents, a prayerful declaration of their stewardship over God’s child. The parents are seeking to do everything that is in their power, as God gives them wisdom, to see that their child grows up to respect and honor God and to love and serve Jesus Christ.

We encourage parents to bring their children to a worship service and dedicate them to the Lord.

The dedication celebration is more than a ritual. It’s a commitment on the part of the parents to honor the will and the Word of God. As a part of this dedication, you as parents are asked to:

1. Publicly affirm your personal faith in Christ and renew your dedication to Him and His Word.
2. Pray daily for God’s direction in your lives and in the lives of your children.
3. Faithfully participate in worship services with your children.
4. Teach you children the truths of God’s Word in your home.
5. Anticipate and seek to lead your children to a personal faith in Christ as soon as they are ready.
6. Recognize that your children belong to God and have been born to experience His love and to serve Him.

If you would like to dedicate your children to God, please complete the form at the right and return it to the church office.

TEACHINGS OF SCRIPTURE

1. Jesus Christ’s Example

“When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord.” Luke 2:22

2. Jesus Christ’s Teaching

“People were bringing little children to have Him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’ And He took the children in His arms, put His hands on them and blessed them.” Mark 10:13-16



3. The Example of Hannah and Samuel

“In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the Lord. And she made a vow, saying ‘O Lord Almighty, if You will only look upon Your servant’s misery and remember me, and not forget Your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life. . .’”

1 Samuel 1:10,11

“As surely as You live, my Lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of Him. So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.”

1 Samuel 1:26-28

4. The Responsibility of Godly Parents

“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

“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4

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We have read the Dedication of Children brochure and desire to present our children to God. We agree to be diligent in fulfilling our duties as parents.

Father’s Name

Mother’s Name

Address

City

Zip

Phone

Email Address

Child’s full name as it will appear on certificate

Date of birth

Return this form & we will email or call you within about one week to verify the date and time of your child’s dedication.

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