

CHILD DEDICATION

About Baby Dedication

In dedicating our children to the Lord, we are really committing ourselves as parents to the biblical task of raising them in a way that is pleasing to God. Our promise, or covenant, with God is a solemn and serious commitment that we should not take lightly. In our Child Dedication Service, we are promising the Lord that with His help we intend to...

- Apply the Scriptures to our child's life
- Pray with them regularly
- Model a life that is pleasing to God

The dedication of children began in the Old Testament. It was based on God's command for the Israelites to bring their firstborn sons for consecration in a ceremony (Leviticus 12:1-8, Exodus 13:12-13). In I Samuel 1:24-28, Hannah committed her son Samuel to the Lord. Furthermore, we see Jesus brought to the Temple by Mary and Joseph, fulfilling the Jewish purification laws (Luke 2:21-40).

A child dedication is also a regular reminder to our church family of the importance of children and our shared responsibility in their spiritual growth.

Family Ministry at Christ Church

In dedicating your child to God, you are publicly affirming that God is the foundation of your family and that your church family plays a significant role in the nurturing of your child.

Children and parents are important to God and highly valued at Christ Church. When God blesses us with the precious gift of a child, it seems right to respond to God with thankfulness and renewed commitment. As we reflect on our responsibility to care for our children, we naturally seek God's help and His wisdom. As parents we want what is best for our children and that can only be found in God's plan for parenting.

The Family Ministry at Christ Church is dedicated to encouraging and equipping parents in their role as the Spiritual mentors over their children.

If you have any questions regarding our Family Ministry and how Christ Church may better encourage and equip you in your role as parent, please contact David Weil at dweil@cclf.org.

Instructions for the day of the Dedication:

Please arrive 10 minutes prior to the service. We will meet in the sanctuary. Please assist your family members and friends to their seats near the front of the sanctuary. You will be seated near the front and be directed by the pastor to join him on the stage after some preliminary comments. Grandparents and siblings may also join you on stage for the dedication.

SERVICE FORMAT

WELCOME

EXPLANATION OF DEDICATION

QUESTIONS FOR THE PARENTS

PARENT'S PROMISE TO CHILD*

DEDICATION PRAYER

*Please write out a promise you want to give your child. You will be asked to read it at this time in the service.

“I prayed for this child & the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. So now I dedicate him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be dedicated to the Lord.”

-I Samuel 1:27-28

Parent's Questions

1. Will you both commit yourselves to grow your love for each other and God so that your children will have a secure and loving home to grow-up in?
2. Will you faithfully raise your children in the love and instruction of the Lord and encourage them to know and love God personally?
3. Will you encourage your children to attend church, discover their God given gifts and talents, and when it is appropriate, to use their gifts and talents to serve others?

Question for Godparents when Present

Will you commit to pray for, support & encourage this family as God leads you?

Note to Family

Please fill out the “Getting to Know You” form as a first step in the dedication process. The form is found online at www.christchurchil.org/babydedication. Once this is received someone from the church will contact you.

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