

Parent Commitment / Child Dedication

DEUTERONOMY 6:5-7 says, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

Dedication of your child is the first step in this partnership, and as a church, we look forward to partnering with you in this important endeavor. If you have a child *age 5 or younger* and are interested, please take a moment to read the common questions about child dedication below. Then fill out the registration and take this step in helping shape your child’s future.

Common Questions about Dedication

Why Dedication?

1. **PSALM 127:1** - We believe God must be a part of our family for it to be healthy and strong.
2. **DEUTERONOMY 6:5-7** - God instructs us as parents to teach our children to see God in all things.
3. **PSALM 127:3** - We believe that children are a gift from God and we need to be good stewards.

What Parent Commitment/Child Dedication Is Not

1. **It’s not salvation.** **EPHESIANS 2:8-9** says it’s by grace through faith, not works.
2. **It’s not baptism.** **ACTS 2:38-41** says that baptism is what we do as believers when we have turned from our sinful ways and turned to God. Once a child has entered into a saving belief in Jesus Christ, we would hope that he or she would take this step of obedience.

What is Parent Commitment/Child Dedication?

1. Your commitment to God and His people to raise your child according to the principles of God's Word.
2. Your desire for God's help in the parenting process.
3. Your commitment to submit your desires for your child to God's desires for him or her.
4. Our commitment as a church to help and encourage you in fulfilling your parenting responsibilities.



Application:

Parent/Child Dedication Application

Please PRINT or Type all Information

DEDICATION DATE: _____

Father's Name: Last _____ First _____ Int. _____

Mother's Name: Last _____ First _____ Int. _____

Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Email: _____

Father's Work (_____) _____ Mother's Work (_____) _____

Marital Status: Married Separated Widowed Divorced Single

Name of Child to Be Dedicated:

Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Date of Birth _____

Additional Child To Be Dedicated:

Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Date of Birth _____

On a Separate Piece of Paper:

1. Have you as a parent(s) accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour?

If so, please briefly explain, and include your understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

2. Are you a regular attendee of Community Bible Church? YES NO

3. How long have you attended Community Bible Church? _____

4. How many friends or family will be attending the dedication service? _____

5. Will you have significant individuals standing with you? YES NO

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6. Why do you desire to participate, with your child, in the dedication service?

7. Do you have a favorite verse or passage of scripture that you would like referenced during the dedication?

Mail or return this form along with a recent picture of your child (which will be returned) to:

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