

Dedication of Children

We believe God is a God of purpose. The family was the first institution created by God between a man and a woman. Parent/Baby Dedication is when we give back to God what belongs to Him (1 Samuel 1:27-28). We believe, according to God's Word, that God's plan for marriage is for a man and a woman to leave and cleave and become one flesh in a covenant relationship (Genesis 2:18, 21-24). This marriage relationship then opens the door to fellowship and intimacy and produces a Godly seed (Malachi 2:15). This seed, your child, depends totally upon the mother and father to sustain its life. The Dedication Ceremony is a decision made by the parents or parent of the child and not by the child itself. This ceremony is not a substitute for the child's ultimate personal responsibility before God. In no way does this ceremony guarantee salvation or serve as a substitute for the personal need for children to accept Christ as Lord when they are aware enough to understand the gospel. The Dedication Ceremony is a commitment by the parents or parent to train and teach their child Biblical principles, to trust in God, and be thankful for this blessing. Therefore, we dedicate the child/children of married couples (man and woman) and the child/children of a single parent who is committed to God in the development of the child and will be obedient to His Word and the following covenant:

I/We will make Jesus Christ the Foundation of our home (1 Corinthians 3:11)

I/We will keep the Passion for God before us always (Deuteronomy 5:29)

I/We will fight for the Authority of God before our Family (Nehemiah 4:14)

I/We will place trust in God's Grace for life (Galatians 2:20)

I/We will love my family unconditionally as God loves us (Ephesians 5:25)

With your commitment we also, as your church family, commit to continue to believe in God's design for your family, and we will pray that you will continually look to Jesus Christ for strength, wisdom, and the life only He brings. If you are in agreement with these statements, please print out the application for Parent/Child Dedication. However, if your situation is different, and at this time, you do not meet these guidelines according to God's Word, we would love to have the opportunity to help bring you into a closer relationship with God, so that you may be able to dedicate your family to Him.

Required Parenting Course:

The Parenting Class, "Growing Kids God's Way" is a prerequisite to the Dedication Ceremony process. This class is a recent development in our ministry to families. If you have participated in a Dedication Ceremony in the past but have not attended the class, it is highly recommended you to attend.

Class Title: Growing Kids God's Way

Class Materials: Growing Kids God's Way. . . Study Guide

