



childdedication

committing our children to the Lord





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“Children are a gift from the Lord”

**The Family was God’s first created Human Institution.
Check out the following Bible passages:**

Psalm 127:3

*“Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward
from Him”*



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Psalm 139:13-16

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place.

When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”



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Dedicating a child is an act of giving back to God what already belongs to Him.

God clearly communicates this to us through Hannah and her son Samuel...



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1 Samuel 1:27-28

“For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition which I asked of Him. Therefore I also have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the LORD.” So they worshiped the LORD there.



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So, God calls parents to be managers of the children he places in our families.

Child dedications are a wonderful moment in a family's life! Not only is your child the center of attention, but so are your intentions to raise them in a godly way.

Check this out...



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Proverbs 22:6

“Train up a child in the way he should go...”

Ephesians 6:4

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



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Proverbs 1:8-9

“Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. They will be a garland to your head and a chain to adorn your neck.”



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Deuteronomy 6:6-9

“Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates.”



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1 Corinthians 7:14

"...the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his (believing) wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy".



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So, the goal of a parent's spiritual training for their child is three-fold:

1). To be in an intimate love relationship with God through Jesus Christ themselves.

2). To provide a home environment where God is honored and loved

3). To seek to bring their child to faith in Jesus Christ and to fully love and serve Jesus in all they do.



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What should I do if I decide to dedicate my child at FCC?

- 1) Make sure I/we are tracking spiritually with God myself.
- 2) Give some thought to how I/we want to train my child to know and love God more.



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3) Talk together with my spouse/those in my Christian support system about my hopes and dreams for my child.

4) Contact the church office (760-930-0400; info@faithcommunity.ws) to let them know I would like to take part in the next Child Dedication.



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What will happen the day of the dedication?

- 1) I/We will be invited to the front of the sanctuary with my child(ren)
- 2) I/We will be asked if it is my desire to dedicate myself to raising my child to know and love God.



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- 3) I/We will be given the chance to briefly share some thoughts about our child.

- 4) The pastor dedicating me and my child will ask to hold our child and pray for them and for us.



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THANK YOU...

for celebrating this special day and decision with us. We look forward to helping you fulfill your task as a Christian parent.



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Psalm 103:17-18

But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children— with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.