



Parent - Child

DEDICATION

What an incredible honor and awesome responsibility it is to be a parent! Children are a great gift from God. It should be our genuine desire to be faithful stewards of the children God has so graciously entrusted to our care. One critical way to steward our children well is to raise them to love their church family. Parent-Child Dedication is a special time that gives parents an opportunity to publicly make the commitment to parent their children in a biblical fashion. At Living Hope, it is our desire to come alongside each other and do whatever necessary to help each other raise our children to become mighty men and women of God.

WHAT AM I DOING WHEN I DEDICATE MY CHILD TO GOD?



You are making a covenant with God in the presence of the Living Hope family and promising to do whatever is necessary to ensure your child is raised in the instruction of the Lord. You are also asking for grace and wisdom from God in carrying out your responsibilities and praying one day your child will trust Jesus Christ as Savior.

At the same time, your church family is making a covenant with God and you. We are promising to stand with you and assist you in raising your child to love Jesus. We count it a great honor to do life together.

As you can see, this is a profound occasion and not just an opportunity to get dressed up and take a family picture. Before the service you should spend some time in prayer preparing yourself to stand before God and your church family to make this important covenant.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M READY TO DEDICATE MY CHILD/CHILDREN TO THE LORD?

This Parent-Child Dedication is open to any member of Living Hope who is seriously and actively growing in their love relationship with God. We realize there is no such thing as a perfect parent. At the same time, since this is a covenant with God, we ask you to take it seriously and understand the commitment you are making.

DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO BE AN INFANT?

No. There are many reasons you may not have had the opportunity to dedicate your child up to this point. You may dedicate your child at any age.



CAN A SINGLE PARENT OR GUARDIAN DEDICATE THEIR CHILD?

Absolutely! We at Living Hope believe parenting is difficult enough without having to do it alone. Therefore, we love coming alongside our single parents to assist them in any way possible as they endeavor to raise Godly children. We are here to help you! Likewise, we know not all families are formed the same way. If you are a permanent guardian of a child, you are welcome to dedicate them.

HOW DO I ARRANGE TO DEDICATE MY CHILD?

Parent-Child Dedication happens twice a year, typically late spring and again in fall/early winter.

You will find registration at the HOPE, our news and events page, in the weeks leading up to dedication. (www.lhbc.net/thehope)

Once you register your child/children, we will review the information and reach out if we have any questions. If you have any questions, contact our Preschool Coordinator at preschool@lhbc.net.

WHAT DO I DO ON THE DAY OF DEDICATION?

Arrive early and check-in at the preschool desk. After you check-in, you will have a family picture taken. At the beginning of the service we will call you forward by name to dedicate your child/children.

A family picture and dedication certificate will be available within a week or two of the dedication service at the preschool desk.



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