

# Child Dedication

at Crossroads



**Crossroads Grace Community Church**

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## Congratulations!

You have made the decision to dedicate your child to the Lord.

*“We prayed for this child and the Lord has granted us what we asked of Him.”*

-1 Samuel 1:27

This ceremony provides parents with an opportunity to publicly present their children to the Lord for His protection and for His purposes in their child's life. The dedication of a child has a significant impact on the parents as well, for they are pledging to take on the task of raising the child to know Jesus. In dedicating your child to the Lord, you are committing yourselves to follow Jesus and to provide an environment that will nurture and encourage your child to desire and make their own commitment to follow Jesus.

In dedicating their child to the Lord, the parents are committing themselves to follow Jesus and to provide an environment that will nurture and encourage their child to desire to make their own commitment to follow Jesus as well. Child Dedication is really *Family Dedication* and shows that you as parents understand the amazing responsibility God has given you in raising your child. Here at Crossroads we do not baptize children until they are at an age of accountability and have declared their own personal relationship with Jesus as their Savior.

With dedication, parents are also committing themselves to continue to regularly attend and serve in church. During the ceremony the child and parents will receive prayer from the pastors and leaders for the Lord's hand of blessing to be on them, and that the Holy Spirit will be at work in their lives.

### Child Dedication Requirements:

Parents *must* be married at the time of dedication and have completed a Rooted Growth Group. For information regarding joining a Rooted Group and/or becoming a Crossroads member, please contact Stephanie Harvey at [stephanie@crossroadsgrace.org](mailto:stephanie@crossroadsgrace.org) or call 209.239.5566

\*If you are a single parent, indicate that on the Child Dedication Interest Form below.

Please, fill out the [Child Dedication Interest Form](#) so that we may be in touch with you about eligibility, schedule, and next steps.

## BEFORE DEDICATION

Fill out and return the Child Dedication Application. What is in the application? The first section is basic information about you and the child you are planning to dedicate. The second section is for you to tell us your story about how you have personally come to know Jesus and why it is important to you to dedicate your child to the Lord.

**Applications must be completed and returned two weeks prior to scheduled dedication date.** Once we receive your application we will contact you to confirm the date and put you on the schedule. Your date and service time is not guaranteed and WILL NOT be confirmed until your application is received. Currently, there is a two-family limit per service, so timely return of your application is important in order to reserve a particular dedication date. If for any reason you are unable to commit to your original date or time, please notify us as soon as possible.

We encourage you to invite your family member to come up with you if you wish, as witnesses.

A picture of your child may be displayed on the slide in service.

## DAY OF CEREMONY

Please plan to arrive 15 minutes before the service time begins. If you wish to have your child go to their Children's Ministry class after the ceremony, please check them in before the service and communicate with the volunteer leader in their room. This will ensure you have a spot in the class. You may leave any belongings in the room that you don't need during the ceremony.

## CEREMONY PROCEDURE

The ceremony will either take place following announcements, before the service begins or at the end of the main service message. You will stand on stage with your child while the Pastor speaks to you about the dedication. The Pastor will give you a gift and then close in prayer. You will be notified with details of when, during the service, the dedication ceremony will take place.

## AFTER DEDICATION

You will receive a mailed keepsake Dedication Certificate typically within a week following the dedication date.