

CHILD DEDICATION



*"We prayed for this child and the Lord has granted us what we asked of Him."
-1 Samuel 1:27*

As parents, we have the awesome responsibility to help guide our children towards a personal relationship with Jesus. Crossroads is honored to partner with you in that journey.



Congratulations!

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

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.

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 Kids Team 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 attended Child Dedication Orientation. For information regarding Child Dedication Orientation, please contact Erica Marshall at ericamarshall@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

You will need to attend one of our Parent Dedication Orientation classes which is approximately a month before the dedication date. After attending the class, you will be sent an email with a link to fill out the Child Dedication Application. This application needs to be sent back within two weeks. The dedication date will then be determined.

After your Dedication date is confirmed, we will need each family to email a photo of your child to ericamarshall@crossroadsgrace.org. The picture of your child will be displayed on the slide during the ceremony.

We also encourage you to invite your family members to come to the ceremony with you if you wish, as witnesses to support & encourage your child's spiritual journey. Please keep in mind that limited spots are available and you will need to RSVP with total # of guests.

DAY OF THE CEREMONY

Please plan to arrive 15 minutes before the ceremony begins to get settled at your tables while light refreshments will be served. During the ceremony, we will review what Child Dedication is and what commitments you and your family will be making. Families will then have a time to pray over their children and the parents. Next, parents & their child(ren) will then be called to the front of the stage and together you will publicly commit to the following:

- 1: Do you commit to wholeheartedly pursuing a relationship with Jesus, and teaching your child to do the same?
- 2: Do you commit to actively participating in a church, and ensuring that your child is a part of the larger community of believers?
- 3: Do you commit to raising your child with biblical love, instruction, and discipline?
- 4: Do you commit to loving your child unconditionally, and to show them grace in their life just as God has shown you the same grace?

Our Kids team will give each of the families a gift and then close in prayer. After the ceremony, yummy desserts will be served as families take 2-3 pictures together for a memorable keepsake of the special day.

AFTER DEDICATION

Within 2 weeks, you will receive an email with the pictures that were taken after the ceremony.



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