



Child Dedications
at Christ The Rock



Christ The Rock Child Dedications

A child dedication ceremony is something that is done for both the parents and the child. It is a public acknowledgment that:

Their child belongs to the Lord and they need His help.

In 1 Samuel 1:27-28, Hannah “gave her son” to the Lord as she had promised. In Hebrew, to give one’s son can be defined as the idea of “a permanent giving over – an irrevocable decision.” This is an acknowledgment that the child belongs to the Lord.

They will devote themselves to raising their child in accordance with the Bible.

God also counsels parents to “train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

They will be open to the support and prayer of others for the child and for themselves.

Dedication and Baptism

We believe that baptism is a public declaration of an individual’s decision to follow Christ. Since infants are not capable of making that decision, we reserve baptism for a time when an individual is old enough to understand their decision to accept Christ as their Savior. Faith is not passed on to a child through dedicating a child; parents are making a commitment to raise their child in the training and instruction of the Lord with the desire that one day their child will accept Christ as their personal Savior and choose to be baptized.

The Parents’ Commitment

Do you testify that:

- You have personally received Jesus Christ as your Savior and that Jesus is Lord of your life.
- Jesus will be at the center of your home—that the Bible will be honored as the Word of God, read and obeyed.
- By committing your child to the Lord your desire is that he/she will someday receive Christ as his/her personal Savior.
- You will invest time, energy, devotion and prayer for your child and help them cultivate a relationship with Christ.
- You need God’s help to be godly parents for your child.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are child dedications held separately from weekend worship services?

Due to the time constraints involved in the weekend services, we are not able to give adequate time to child dedications.

When does the church celebrate the birth of a new child?

Whenever a birth occurs it is announced during the weekend services.

How long does a child dedication ceremony last?

The dedication ceremony lasts approximately 45 minutes to one hour.

Is anything required from the parents during the ceremony?

The parents respond together to the Parents’ Commitment vows stated above. They also have the opportunity to share briefly at the ceremony.

Is membership at Christ The Rock Community Church required?

No, child dedication at Christ The Rock is open to all parents.

If you desire to dedicate your child, please return the child dedication information sheet at least two weeks in advance to the church office. To obtain an information sheet, stop by the Information Center or call the church office at 920.730.8383.

