

# Child Dedication, Summer 2018

## Faith Journey Church

### Interested in having your child dedicated?

At Faith Journey Church we do child dedications (birth through 12 years old) as a church tradition and not necessarily as an activity mandated in the Bible. The scripture doesn't explicitly command parents to dedicate their children, but rather makes it clear that it's the responsibility of the parents, as stewards of God, to shepherd their children: to know, love, honor and obey the Lord. ([Deut. 6:4-7](#) + [Eph. 6:1-4](#))

### Following are some things to consider as you dedicate your children.

1. Dedicating ones child is based on a scriptural precedent, rooted in the Old Testament, in which Jesus was presented to the Lord in the Temple as an infant (Luke 2:22-35).
2. It acknowledges God's blessing upon and care for children (Isaiah 54:13; Matt 18:1-5, 10; 19:13-15; Luke 18:15-17; Acts 2:39; 1 John 2:12-13).
3. It's you, Parents, who are doing the dedicating. It's a commitment you make in your heart before God and agree together to live out in your home. The dedication we perform during the church service is simply the public acknowledgment of your commitment.
4. You're publicly acknowledging that your children are a gift given to you by God (Gen 33:5; Psalm 127:3-5). As such, they're a blessing, a source of great joy (Prov. 23:24-25), and a great privilege –aside from being a lot of work too! Ultimately we recognize they've been created by God, and as such belong to him, yet have been entrusted to you as stewards to raise. (Exodus 13:2, 12).
5. You're committing your lives as parents to live by the grace of God in such a way as to be an example of those who honestly and transparently follow Jesus, while avoiding the placement of any stumbling-blocks in their way.
6. Your church family and leadership commits to support and equip you by God's grace to fulfill your responsibility as good examples to your children.

We have child dedications to allow parents the opportunity to publicly join in a covenant with God, their children and our church family. Child dedications are essentially committing yourself as parents to follow Jesus, to model the Christian life and shepherd their children to know and love Jesus. Child dedications should not be viewed as a replacement for baptism - we pray your children will develop a relationship with Christ and, at some point, choose to get baptized. Nor is it a magical means of salvation/protection for your child. Child dedication is simply an outward act of the parents' inward commitment.

***Please fill out the attached form and submit it to Deanna Ranck (Director of Children's Ministries)***

# Child Dedication Information Sheet

## Faith Journey Church

1. Parent(s) name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Best email address to be used for correspondence: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Best phone number to be used for correspondence: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name of your child(ren) to be dedicated:

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Will there be any family or friends you would like to have stand with you during the dedication? *(PLEASE NOTE: Due to the space at FJC, we will likely only be able to have 1 or 2 families come forward at a time.)*

Yes OR No (Please circle one)

5. Is there a specific scripture verse that is special to you for your child(ren)? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Do you have a specific prayer request for your child(ren)? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Do you have a specific prayer request for yourself/spouse as parents? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please upload a family photo or an image of your child/ren to Deanna Ranck @  
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