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Questions and Answers about dedicating your child

The following questions and answers provide you with information that will make this ceremony as meaningful as possible. Please carefully consider this information.

What is Parent/Child Dedication?

This special service permits parents to publicly present their children to the Lord. The primary purpose of this event is the commitment of the parents to bring up their children in a Christian home. *They themselves must be believers in Christ.

Why do we dedicate children?

This occasion allows the parents to publicly commit their children to God for His blessing on their lives. It is recognition that children are a temporary gift from God given to us who bear the responsibility for their spiritual development.

What does it signify?

It is a parent's dedication to make a spiritual commitment to God on behalf of their child. It is a commitment that involves a lifestyle of praying for the child, teaching from God's Word and setting a Christian example for the child. This is not infant baptism. It does not indicate or assure salvation. It does not make the child a Christian. Every person must exercise personal faith in Christ when he or she is old enough to understand the gospel. Liberty Baptist Church practices believer's baptism.

Where in Scripture is there a precedent for dedication of a child?

Hannah presented her son, Samuel, to the Lord in Shiloh (1 Samuel 1:11)
Jesus was also dedicated to God (Luke 2:22) and He allowed little children to come to Him for His blessing (Matt. 19:13 – 15).

If your heart is in agreement with the purpose and the motive of the Parent/Child Dedication, then we invite you to participate. We consider this a sincere promise to God that flows out of your commitment to Jesus Christ.

*We recognize that the ideal is not always possible and welcome single parents or families with only one believing spouse to dedicate their children as well. From a biblical perspective, we believe a Christ-centered home is led by a man and a woman, married to each other, seeking to obey Christ."