

BABY DEDICATION

What does dedicating your child mean?

When you are dedicating your child to the LORD, you are making a serious statement in declaring that you are willing to provide a nourishing environment in the sanctuary of your home for their spiritual growth in God. Doing this, you yourself acknowledge JESUS CHRIST as your personal SAVIOUR, living a righteous and holy life that will set the example for your child to follow. Why is this important - because children observe and children do!

Dedicating your child makes no claim of salvation for your child but through dedication, it simply means that you will do everything possible from your side to give your child every opportunity to know and follow JESUS CHRIST as their personal SAVIOUR ... it's a personal commitment (vow) that you make to GOD to raise your child HIS ways.



Dear Parents

Proverbs 22:6 tells us to teach our children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it. As Christians, we follow the example of JESUS set for us, and we dedicate our children to GOD soon after they are born.

Nobody will have more influence on your child's physical, emotional and spiritual growth than **YOU!** We believe that what happens at home is in some instances more important than what happens at church. As you praise, magnify and glorify our LORD in the sanctuary of your own home; your child will observe and in the same manner learn from you and do the same. It is our hope to come alongside you and your family, as we encourage and help you raise your child to realise what it really means to have a true and personal relationship with JESUS CHRIST. There is an old saying that goes ... it takes a village to raise a child.

Dedicating your child to the LORD is a public declaration (vow, promise) before GOD and man and acknowledging with gratitude that your child is first and foremost a gift from GOD and declaring that your child belongs to GOD and secondly affirming that you as parents, are covenanting before GOD to raise your child to love, revere, know and serve the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Child dedication is more than a just another event, but an opportunity for you to take time at the beginning of your parental journey, to give serious thought to what matters the most in the life of your child.



Please contact our Leadership team to discuss and make an appointment with Corrie and Louise.

Family and friends are welcome to join in the dedication ceremony as discussed with the Pastor prior to the dedication. Cameras are welcome, however we ask that all guests are mindful that this time is important and serious to the LORD. In saying that, we encourage you to take lots of happy snaps to make this moment special and memorable for decades to come.



Is it a parent's responsibility to teach a child God's Word?

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 says ... "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

YES! Dedicating a child, acknowledges GOD's sovereignty not only over their life, but also over your life as their parents. Please know and understand that you are entering into **an agreement** (declaration, vow, promise) to present your child before God, asking for grace and wisdom in carrying out your responsibilities to love, protect and teach your most precious gift from GOD (your child).

Deuteronomy makes clear that the duty of teaching children belongs to parents first and foremost. Sunday schools can provide weekly instruction, but parents must seize every teachable moment that arises throughout a child's life to teach them to read and cherish the Word of GOD – to honour, glorify, praise and worship HIM always in all they do.

Can I dedicate my child if I am a single parent??

YES! Child dedication signifies the commitment of parents [including a single parent] to do their best to raise their child to be a follower of JESUS CHRIST. Additionally, we highly encourage single parents to dedicate their child as they commit themselves to raise them without the presence of a spouse.

At Beulah Ministries, we are committed to support all parents [especially single parents] in providing a Christian foundation for your child's upbringing.

May you be blessed as you make this important decision!

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