

What is Child Dedication?

What are we doing when we dedicate a child to the Lord?



First, we acknowledge that this child belongs to God. We affirm that God created this child in His image and for His glory (Is. 43:7). We affirm that God foreordained this child's existence and He formed this child in the womb (Ps. 139:13). Since children belong first to God, we embrace parenthood as a holy stewardship, for which we will give an account.

Second, we affirm that this child is a gift from the Lord. In a day when children are often regarded as a burden, we say, "Lord, you have given this child to us as a gift; you have entrusted this child to our care. We welcome and receive this precious life as a most cherished gift from you." (Ps. 127:3)

Third, we resolve to raise this child with God's interests in view. We purpose, with all our hearts, to meet our children's needs, to care for them, and to shower them with love and affection. In dedicating our children to the Lord, we resolve to train them away from their sinful inclinations, and toward the Creator and Redeemer of their souls (Prov. 22:6; Ps. 111:10; Deut. 6:7). We solemnly commit ourselves to raise them in the knowledge of God; and to teach them about their sin and their Savior. We earnestly seek the help of the Holy Spirit in raising our children to honor and serve Christ.

Fourth, we invite celebration and accountability. Few events in life are as wonderful as the addition of a child to a family – and few responsibilities are as daunting. In publicly dedicating our children to God, we invite those present to celebrate with us and enter into our joy. We also invite them to help us with the task of raising our children in the instruction and admonition of the Lord. We therefore welcome observations, insights, and loving correction from friends, as they perceive things that may need to change in us or in our children.



Parent ~ Child Dedication



METRO LIFE CHURCH desires for this Dedication to be a memory – making event, full of encouragement for you as a parent. In order to serve each family effectively, we have provided this handout as a helpful guideline for use during this process. Please contact the Office at 407-740-0561 with any questions.

- 1) Because Dedications are a partnership between parents and the local church, we ask that only members of Metro Life Church sign up for participation in this event.
- 2) Please sign up at least a week prior to the Dedication.
- 3) Please arrive at 9:30 a.m. in the Brides Room on the morning of your child's Dedication in order to meet with the pastor and go over final details.
- 4) Confirming your arrival and receiving details is very important. If you are not able to make it at 9:30 the morning of the Dedications, we will reschedule your Dedication for another day.
- 5) Since our preparations involve purchasing flowers, please make us aware of any need to cancel by the Thursday before Dedications.
- 6) We encourage you to invite friends and family to share in this experience by attending the Sunday Celebrations with you. Due to space limitations on our stage, however, we ask that you please limit the people that accompany you onto the stage to your child's siblings and grandparents. If grandparents are not able to attend other family or friends may be included in their place.