



**Date:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

### **What is the Baby/Child Dedication?**

A Child Dedication service is an opportunity for parents to publicly declare their intent to raise their child in a way that honors God and also give the child the opportunity to eventually have a personal relationship with Jesus. In many ways a "child dedication" service is truly a "parent dedication" service, as parents publicly declare to raise their child in the faith until the child is old enough to make his own personal confession of Christ. It's also a time for family, friends, and the Life church body to partner with you, as best we can, to see that this takes place.

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

- Hannah presented her son, Samuel, to the Lord in Shiloh. (1 Samuel 1:11)
- Jesus was dedicated to God. (Luke 2:22)

Jesus allowed little children to come to Him for His blessing. (Matthew 19:13-15)

### **How does Child Dedication differ from baptism?**

Child Dedication is not infant baptism. It does not indicate or assure salvation. While baptism or christening are a significant rite of passage for infants in a variety of faiths, we believe the Bible teaches that baptism is reserved for those who have already made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, and are old enough to grasp the role of baptism as an outward symbol of their faith.

### **Life Verse and Photo**

You will need to choose a life verse for your child. A life verse is a verse from the Bible that you have chosen for your child that he/she can call his/her own for a lifetime. This verse and a photo must be submitted to the Church Office no later than the Wednesday preceding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month that your child will be dedicated.

### **Do I need to be a member of Life Church to participate?**

No. Child Dedication is an opportunity for any parents to stand before God and dedicate themselves to raising their child in a Godly environment regardless of church membership.

### **Child Dedication Certificate**

Parents will receive a Child Dedication certificate for their child.

**If your heart is in agreement with the purpose and the motive of a 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.**

### **How do I sign up my child/children for the Child Dedication Service?**

You may retrieve a Child Dedication Form from the Lobby Display Stand. Complete it in its entirety and turn it in to the Church Office.

You may contact the Church Office at (951) 684-5433 for further information.