

## FAQ's:

What if my child is not a baby  
anymore?

No problem. A child can be  
dedicated at any age, as it is really  
about your decision.

What do we need to do to have our  
child dedicated?

1. Contact one of the staff.
2. Tell us when the best  
Sunday is for your family.
3. Let us know or choose a life  
verse or dedication verse you  
have chosen for your child.

That's it!

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CHILD  
DEDICATIONS

## The Dedication of Our Children to the Lord is...

### A Biblical Practice

A precedent for the ceremony of baby dedication is found throughout the Scriptures.

Hannah and Elkanah presented their son, Samuel, to the Lord, *“For this boy I prayed, and the Lord has given me my petition which I asked of Him. So I have also dedicated him to the Lord; as long as he lives he is dedicated to the Lord.”* And he (Elkanah) worshiped the Lord there.” (1 Samuel 1:27-28)

Paul reminded Timothy of his spiritual heritage: *“For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother, Lois, and your mother, Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well...from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”* (2 Timothy 1:5, 3:15)

Mary and Joseph presented Jesus back to God in an act of worship and dedication, “When the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they (Joseph and Mary) brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord...”and the Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.” (Luke 2:22,40)

As a grown man, our Lord loved the little children: *“And they began bringing children to Him, so that He might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them ‘Permit the children to come to me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all.’ And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands upon them.”* (Mark 10:13-16)

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### A Parental Pledge

The act of dedication is not a saving ordinance whereby your child’s soul is saved, rather it is a public expression of the fact that the child belongs to God. God has given your child to you and you are humbly returning the “gift” back to God. You, as parents, are “setting apart” your child for a life of character and integrity as they follow Jesus.

As a result, you assume the responsibility for your child’s spiritual development... *“And fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”* (Ephesians 6:4)

Most important, you as parents, dedicate yourselves to leading your child into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. God is faithful! Paul teaches that, *“...He (Christ) is able to guard what (we) have entrusted to Him until that day.”* (2 Timothy 1:12) Be assured that when you give your child to Christ, you are placing them into the hands of infinite love and power. There is no safer and sweeter place in all the vast universe than in His Holy Hands!

*“Train up a child in the way they should go, even when they are old, they will not depart from it.”* (Proverbs 22:6)

As you are faithful in fulfilling your spiritual responsibility to your child, they will be prepared to respond to Christ’s love personally as they see it displayed in your home and in your relationship to Him.

The congregation here at **the Beacon** also takes our role seriously in partnering with you in the raising of your children. We too, dedicate ourselves to the process.

CONTACT Pastor Ric or one of the staff if you want to take this next step with your child.