



Child Dedications

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| Congratulations

We are so excited for you as you take this step of dedicating your child. It will be our honor, not only to pray a prayer of blessing over your child, but also to stand with you as you begin this new journey of parenting. We are committed to your success as a family. Our desire is to make this dedication ceremony a part of your personal and spiritual journey.

Below are some questions you may be having as to the child dedication.

| What is a child dedication?

Here at Common(s) church, we do not christen or baptize children, but we dedicate them, representing our faith and trust in God. Our goal in blessing you and your child during the dedication is to charge you to live your life as a godly example before your child. You are able to do this with the help of the Holy Spirit.

The most influential people in a child's developmental stages of life is the family. Families can model behaviors of faithful, committed believers of Jesus Christ. The church can provide the teaching of the Word of God, biblical training to help families mature in their faith walk which equips families to disciple their own children and the church can also be a rich community where stories are shared, and passed down for growth as we follow Jesus together.

Ephesians 6:4 challenges parents not to provoke their children to wrath but to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. As you partner with the church, allow the church to partner with you. Engage in your discipleship growth and you will discover God's love, guidance, and will for our family.

This is what we believe happens during a dedication moment:

- Parents present their child to God in an act of thanksgiving and dedication to God's purposes.
- Together, as a family, they worship God.

- Spiritual leaders bless, pray over, and declare God's best for the child. (At times the Holy Spirit may even speak prophetically about the child's future.)
- Parents and their new child begin their journey together confident that they are walking under the full blessing of God.

| What happens during a child dedication?

At some point in the service, probably towards the end of coffee social, we will invite parents and their child (some will bring the entire family unit) up front. One of our pastors will briefly describe to the congregation the meaning and purpose of the dedication ceremony and greet the families who are guests for this occasion. Following the commitments made before God and the congregation, the pastor will take the opportunity to pray over each child being dedicated. Then before leaving the platform, you will be given a commemorative gift as a reminder of this day when you dedicated your child to the Lord.

| Why is this so important?

1. Moments of dedication (in the Bible) often directly precede moments of provision and breakthrough. *Joshua 3: 5*
2. Seasons of agreement in prayer can produce powerful answers from heaven. *Matthew 18: 19-20*
3. The prayers we pray and the promises we declare will make a difference in the health, protection, direction, and anointing that is on your son or daughter. *Proverbs 18: 21*

| How can I prepare to make the most of our family's child dedication?

Prepare Spiritually - after reading over this, and registering for the chip dedication, discuss the spiritual implications of this dedication moment with those closest to you. Begin to take steps to get your life aligned with God's word and desire for your life and the life of your family.

Consider a day of fasting and prayer - maybe on the Friday before the dedication service, take a meal and fast and pray for the release of God's power at this significant moment when other followers of Jesus will pray over your child.

Plan the celebration - moments like this are a fantastic time to have a party and mark this moment with family. So plan a post-service gathering of some type to commemorate this time.

Invite your friends and family to church - This may be the one moment where your family is most likely to attend church with you. We want to make the most of this special moment for you.

| What can I expect from Common(s) Church after the dedication?

We want to be partners with you in raising a young man or woman who loves God. We want to stand with you in your journey as a parent.

Community - you've heard the old saying, "it takes a village to raise a child.", that is very true. Our prayer is that you deepen your relationships within the church, so that life together can be something that happens naturally, especially as we raise our families together.

Children's Ministry - available from nursery through 5th grade with kids crew volunteers devoted to investing in your children.

Tools, Teachings, and Resources - we also want to be a source of help in how to do life and relationships. Our weekend services, small groups, and resource center are all designed to be a place of practical support.

Pastoral Care, Prayer, and Counseling - if you ever need to talk through an issue, need prayer, or want some counseling - our pastors are available to you, or we can connect you to some amazing counselors/therapists.

| Where can I register for the child dedication?

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