

Parent / Child Dedication

We are planning a parent / child dedication ceremony on [Mother's Day, May 9th](#).

If you are interested in participating, please complete the attached form and return it to the office by the Wednesday preceding the ceremony. Please keep this sheet for your review.

We have also supplied you with a general outline of the dedication ceremony. If you have any other questions, please contact the church office at 419.625.9690.

Outline of Parent / Child Dedication Ceremony:

These couples are here to express their heart-felt thanksgiving to God for the children He has given to them. Each parent is affirming that he/she has been born again by trusting the Lord Jesus Christ as his/her Savior. We all are aware that this ceremony does not insure the child's salvation, but it does represent a special act of consecration to the Lord on the part of the parents at this precious moment in their lives.

It is fitting that we as a church family witness this ceremony and enter into their joy as they present themselves to the Lord. The vows they make today are solemn ones and I know they would greatly appreciate your prayers for them that they would be true to these affirmations throughout their entire lives.

[Prayer]

Addressing Fathers: Do you recognize your position as head of the home and spiritual leader of your family? Do you also understand that God will hold you accountable for the kind of example you set for your wife and children?

Fathers Respond: I do.

Addressing Mothers: Do you recognize your role as a God-given helper (suited) to your husband? Do you also understand that with your spouse you are "heirs together of the grace of life" and should honor the Lord in your every word and deed?

Mothers Respond: I do.

The Lord, in His goodness and favor, has blessed your homes with these children. By coming today, you are declaring publicly your desire to dedicate them to the Lord. This means that you are willing to support the working of God in their lives no matter what the consequences may be.

Addressing Parents: Will you endeavor by the Holy Spirit's power to bring your children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord? Will you pray for them, love them, lead them, and show them the way to eternal life through Christ? And will you strive to provide for your children, a godly example in your own personal lives, trusting God to enable you in this holy calling?

Parents Respond: We will.

[Prayer and presentation of certificates and Bibles]

Parent / Child Dedication Information Form

We wish to participate in the Dedication Ceremony on May 9, 2021.

1. Below are the names of the children that we are dedicating in this service:

<u>Name</u> (as it will appear on the certificate)	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>M/F</u> (indicate gender)

2. Names of parents: (as they will appear on the certificate)

Mother: _____

Father: _____

3. Best way to contact you if we have questions:

*Please return this form to the church office no later than the Sunday preceding the ceremony.