



Child Dedication FAQs and Application

The following are some frequently-asked questions regarding child dedication at Newsong.

What is child dedication?

Child dedication is for parents who desire to dedicate their child to the Lord and covenant to raise him or her in the knowledge, love, and grace of God, with the congregation standing alongside parents as their extended family in Christ.

With child dedication, parents rely on God to lead the way for their child to come to a personal faith in Jesus Christ. At that time, he or she can be baptized, making a public confession of faith. Since the appropriate age for this baptism varies in each case, the general rule of thumb is to consult with the pastoral staff for discernment.

What is the basis for child dedication?

We find examples of child dedication in the Bible. From 1 Samuel 1:10-11 and 27-28:

In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head... I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord." And he worshiped the Lord there.

In the New Testament, we find that Jesus was dedicated as a child. From Luke 2:22-24:

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord")..."

Please note that Jesus was not baptized until he was an adult (Luke 3:21-22).

How does dedication differ from baptism?

With child dedication:

- No water is applied to the child.
- Parents entrust the child's baptism to God and His timing, allowing the child to make a personal decision to be baptized once he or she personally comes to faith in Jesus Christ.
- Parents vow to take direct responsibility for the Christian training of the child.



How can we dedicate our child at Newsong?

Here are a few simple steps:

- **Complete your Application** (on page 3 of this packet), and return it as soon as possible. ***We confirm service times on a first come, first serve basis! We only accept the first 5 applicants/children per service in order to give proper time to each family during this special event. Your application and service time will be confirmed upon submission.*
 - Email page 3 of your completed application to nskids@newsong.net.
- **Attend a brief mandatory orientation** one week prior to the dedication at 9:30am in the NS Kids wing. This is where you can connect with us and other parents, solidify logistics for the service, and ask any questions you may have.
- **Invite your family and friends to your child's dedication.** Since your child's dedication happens only once in a lifetime, you may want to invite your friends and family to share your joy with you on that day. Consider inviting your unchurched friends also, as it may be an opportunity to share your commitment to raise your child in God's grace.
- **Prayerfully prepare** for this special day.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any unanswered questions.

God bless you and your family!



Application for Child Dedication

Child			
Full Name (as it should be listed on certificate)		D.O.B.	
Father			
Full Name		Baptized?	
Mother			
Full Name		Baptized?	
Address	City	Zip Code	
	Mother:	Mother:	
	Father:	Father:	
Home Phone	Cell Phone	E-mail	

Please circle your preferred service: 1st service 2nd service

Describe briefly why you want your child to be dedicated.

When did you come to know Christ as your Lord and Savior? Write briefly your personal testimony on how you received Christ (both father and mother or a sponsor).

MOTHER:

FATHER:

Please select a life verse for your child. If applicable, explain the significance of this passage (for instance, it was the same for one of the parents, etc.).

LIFE VERSE:

EXPLANATION: