

CHILD DEDICATION

A child is a God-given trust (Psalm 127:3).

Child dedication is a ceremony that signifies your commitment to uphold that trust. It is an event that symbolizes your pledge to raise your child in a Christian home and church where he or she can come to know, love, and serve Jesus. It also signifies a commitment by the people of Crossroads to provide a loving, biblical community that supports and prays for your family.

Child Dedication is Not Infant Baptism

Child dedication at Crossroads is not the same as infant baptism. We believe baptism is a public statement of faith that can be made only by someone who has personally believed in Christ. Infants cannot make a personal decision to believe in Jesus. Older children, however, can make that personal decision. So, we do offer baptism for elementary grades and older.

A Christian Parent's Commitment

If you have trusted in Christ as your Savior, you are invited to present your child in Christian dedication to the Lord. While many parents dedicate very young children, your child does not have to be an infant. You can participate no matter what your child's age.

You will not have to recite a pledge during the ceremony. You should, however, read and decide whether you are able to commit to this pledge:

"Declaring Christ as Savior and Lord and believing in my heart that God raised Him from the dead, I this day acknowledge that my children are gifts from God, that I am a caretaker by His grace, and therefore, accept the responsibility for raising my family to know and follow Jesus. As a Christian parent:

I will model my faith in my life, in prayer, and the application of the Bible's truth as I teach my child to follow Jesus as Lord."

Registering for Child Dedication

- Call the Church Office for the Dedication date.
- Fill out the Child Dedication Registration.

If you have more questions about child dedication, call Dan Schmidt, Next Generation & Family Pastor, 203-9201 x8119 or dschmidt@crossroadscolorado.com.

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