

# Child Dedication



## What is child dedication?

Child dedication is a ceremony where parents publicly commit to raising their child in the Christian faith, and the church affirms its support for the family. You can dedicate your child at any age, but many families typically dedicate younger children or babies. Child dedication is not the same as your child getting baptized.

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4

## Child Dedication *vs* Baptism

Child dedication is...

- the parents publicly committing to raise their child in the Christian faith.
- the parents choice.
- typically done in front of the church.

Child dedication is not...

- your child making a decision to follow Jesus.
- your child deciding to get baptized.
- you accepting Jesus Christ as your child’s Lord and Savior. (This is your child’s personal decision.)
- an infant baptism.

Baptism is...

- a symbol that shows what God has done in the heart of the believer.
- is a symbol you belong in God’s family.
- is a personal decision the child or person makes after they have decided to follow Jesus.
- is a public display of your obedience and love for Jesus.
- a way to tell others you love Jesus and believe Him to be your Lord and Savior!

Child dedications are done a couple times a year at 4 Points Church. If you would like to publicly commit to raise your child in the Christian faith, please be on the look out for our next child dedication.

