



Child Dedication Request Form - CD 1

June 2017

Date of Dedication: _____

Date Approved by: _____

Dedicating Pastor: _____

Child's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Marital Status: Single Married Common Law Divorced

Christian? Father Mother

Attend EVANGEL Church? Father Mother

Who will attend dedication? Father Mother

Reviewed CD-2? Father Mother

Other details: _____



The Significance of Child Dedications at EVANGEL Church - CD2

June 2017

Definition

Child Dedication is a ceremony in which;

1. The child is dedicated to the Lord with the prayer that at the appropriate age, they will submit themselves to God's will, purpose and destiny for their lives. This is done in recognition that children are a gift from God and are a heritage of the Lord - **Psalm 127:3**.
2. The parents and sometimes entire families make a commitment before the Lord and the congregation to raise their child according to God's Word and God's ways. This involves a commitment to pray for them, to raise them according to Biblical principles and to be godly examples for them to follow.
3. The congregation commits to supporting the parents and the child through prayer and encouragement as they live out their lives in the church community.

In a Child Dedication gathering, the parents, family and congregation are asked to respond positively before the Lord to the appropriate commitments in items 1-3 (above).

Biblical support for the above definition of Child Dedication can be found in the stories of Hannah and Samuel - **1 Samuel 1:27-28** and Joseph, Mary and Jesus - **Luke 2:21-28**. In both examples, the parents brought their children to the temple and the priest to be dedicated to the Lord.

Additionally, **Deuteronomy 6:4-7** outlines the spiritual responsibilities of the parents and makes clear their duty to love God themselves and to teach/instruct their children in the ways of the Lord.

Child Dedication is not baptism. We believe the scriptural pattern for water baptism is through complete immersion in water and should only occur when the child meets the following conditions;

- a. The child is old enough to know the difference between right and wrong (the age of accountability - **Deuteronomy 1:39; Isaiah 7:16**).
- b. The child has made the personal choice to follow Jesus as Lord and Saviour and desires to live a life pleasing to the Lord. We believe that child who dies before the age of accountability will be received into heaven to be with Christ and neither Child Dedication nor infant baptism is necessary for their place in heaven.

God's love and grace reaches out to children who are "innocent" or too young to know the difference between right and wrong. The term "innocent" does not mean void of a sinful nature but simply that their God-given conscience has not sufficiently developed in order to know when they have sinned or rejected the law of God.

The Biblical basis for our belief that innocent children go to heaven when they pass away is implied in many passages with a good example recorded in **2 Samuel 12:22-23**.



Parental Confirmation

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If you have requested to have your child dedicated in a public gathering, and you have read **The Significance of Child Dedications at EVANGEL Church**, please respond by selecting one of the following options and submit this form to the church office:

- I/we desire to have our child dedicated at the next available Sunday morning gathering.
- I/we have some questions regarding **The Significance of Child Dedications at EVANGEL Church** and would like to speak to an EVANGEL pastor before proceeding with the dedication.
- I/we have decided not to proceed with child dedication at this time.

Name of Parent(s): _____

Phone or Email: _____

Date: _____