

Scheduling the Dedication

If you are interested in participating in a Parent-Baby Dedication Service, please contact Jennifer Collie at the church office, (270) 465-8115.



The purpose of our ministry is to partner with the family to help children know Christ and grow in their relationship with Him.

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Campbellsville Baptist Church Children's Ministry

Exploring Parent-Baby Dedication



In Luke 2 we see the parents of the baby Jesus taking Him to the temple "to present Him to the Lord" (Luke 2:22). Later the Gospels tell us that little children were brought to Jesus for Him to touch them and bless them.

Campbellsville Baptist Church encourages parents to publicly dedicate their children to the Lord. In dedicating their child, the parents acknowledge the child as a gift from God, vow before Him and the church to set a godly example for the child, and ask the congregation to prayerfully support their family.

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Laying a Foundation

Parent-Baby Dedication is primarily a commitment time for parents. During the service, parents offer their child to the Lord and dedicate themselves to raising their child for the glory of God.

This service is meant to give parents of young children an opportunity to recognize their child as a gift from God and to declare their intent to raise their child in a Christian environment.

Parents will be challenged to biblically guide and educate their child and to lay a foundation of learning about God.

Parents cannot decide their children's salvation for them. Each person must make his or her own decision about a relationship with Christ.



When a child becomes old enough to understand the concept of sin and his responsibility for that sin before God, he is then ready to make a decision about salvation.

Parents can, however, lay a foundation by their teaching and example that helps a child be ready to make that decision when the time comes.

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

What Dedication Is NOT

This dedication is not a baptism. It is not a sacrament. It does not impart salvation to the child.

The Parent-Baby Dedication service is a confirmation between the parents and the church to raise the child in a godly way so that when the child is old enough, he or she will be prepared to make the decision about salvation.

What to Expect In a Parent-Baby Dedication Service

On the Sunday of your child's dedication, bring your child into the service with you rather than taking her to the nursery.

As a part of the worship service, the pastor will invite all of the families participating to come to the front of the sanctuary. The pastor will introduce the dedication time and then invite the parents and children onto the stage. The pastor will introduce each parent and child and ask the parents to read the Scripture they have chosen for their child. Then, the pastor will lead the parents and the congregation in a responsive reading to declare their commitment. To finish, the pastor will pray a blessing over the families who will then be seated.

Each child will receive a Certificate of Dedication and a New Testament as a



reminder of this special day.