



Child Dedication

*"Children are a gift from the Lord;
they are a reward from Him."*

Psalm 127:3 NLT



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What is Child Dedication?

Child Dedication is a commitment on behalf of the parents to lead and raise their children to know the love of Jesus Christ. It is a public declaration of commitment to raise your children according to God's plan; to do everything possible to create a healthy environment at home and within the Christian community for your child to grow up knowing and loving; to personally demonstrate God's love.

The dedication of children is a practice that has its origin in the Holy Scriptures. It is an expression of love for God and is a declaration on the part of the parent(s) to be a godly influence in the life of the child. (Genesis 22:12; 1 Samuel 1:27-28; Matthew 19:13-15)

Dedication is an act of worship on the part of the parents and does not secure salvation of the child. The child dedication marks the beginning of the child's spiritual journey.

In presenting your child for Christian dedication at St. Albert Alliance Church, you are declaring your intention to raise your child in the knowledge and understanding of God's Word and expressing your purpose to lead him/her in the way of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, it is important for us to know that you, as a parent(s), understand the vows you will be taking, that you are committed to these vows and that your life shows evidence of their reality prior to taking them. Our duty before God is to allow you to take vows that you are sincerely prepared to keep, to the best of your ability and with God's help, after the dedication ritual is passed.

In Presenting your Child to the Lord, you are...

- Publicly affirming your personal faith and trust in Christ.
- Committing yourself to pray daily for the physical, mental, social and spiritual welfare of your child.
- Setting an example of honoring the Lord's Day by bringing your family to Worship Celebrations and Xtreme Kids.

- Modeling before your children your love for God and His Word in your home, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them in 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 6:5-7)
- Looking for that "teachable moment" when you may present Christ to your child and have the joy of leading him/her into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

What is required?

1. Membership at St. Albert Alliance Church on the part of the parent(s) is not essential to the dedication of the child but regular attendance for a minimum of six months is required.
2. At least one parent must be a committed child of God who has trusted Jesus Christ for salvation. The parent who does not know Jesus Christ as Saviour may witness the dedication but will be asked to abstain from taking vows.
3. Dedications will be scheduled by a St. Albert Alliance Staff Member after receiving the Child Dedication Form.
4. Be interviewed before the scheduled dedication time.

If you are interested in dedicating your child please contact Pam Loeppky at 780-418-7509 (ploepky@staalliance.org) for further information.

The Child Dedication Form can be filled out on our website:
<http://staalliance.org/connect/kids/>