



## **What are parent/child dedications?**

At Life Point Church, we believe that children are a gift from God. Parent/child dedications are a special time for our Pastors and partners. This is a time for married parents and/or a single mother/father to publicly proclaim and commit to raise their child in a God-centered home based on God's Word and God's Ways.

Parents are charged with the following responsibilities:

- To recognize your child is a gift from God.
- To create an environment within your home that brings life and demonstrates the Fruit of the Spirit of Christ.
- To connect your family to the local church so you flourish in God and in relationship with others.

Those who are planted in the house of the Lord Shall flourish in the courts of our God. Psalms 92:13 (NKJV)

Be sure to check out our FAQ (frequently asked questions) page about our parent/child dedications. Take time to review them to find answers to any questions you may have. For unanswered questions, feel free to contact [rebecca@lifepointsa.com](mailto:rebecca@lifepointsa.com).

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

### **What is the biblical purpose and history of parent/child dedications?**

- The scriptural root of a child dedication is found in 1 Samuel 1:27–28 (NASB), where a godly woman named Hannah prayed year after year for God to give her a child. He answered her prayer and she gave birth to a son, whom she named Samuel. When Samuel was born, Hannah prayed these words:

*"For this boy I prayed, and the Lord has given me my petition which I asked of Him. So I have also dedicated him to the Lord; as long as he lives he is dedicated to the Lord."*





In Luke chapter 2 of the New Testament, following the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph took the infant Jesus to the temple and dedicated Him.

In both Scripture passages, the parents entrusted their child completely to God.

The writings of Moses found in Deuteronomy 6:5–9 describe God's plan for how a parent should raise up a child:

*"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 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. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."*

### **Who do we dedicate?**

- We dedicate children who are being raised by a single mom/dad or parents married under the Biblical New Testament covenant of marriage.

### **Do I need to be a Life Point Church partner to have my child dedicated?**

- You **must** be a partner of Life Point Church to have your child dedicated. Why? In dedicating your child to God, you are stating that you are willing to partner with God *and the church* to raise your child in cooperation with God's intentions. To partner with any church, a parent would be wise to decide if he or she agrees with its beliefs and vision, so they can be all-in in their partnership with the church.
- When you choose to become a partner at Life Point, you are stating that you agree with Life Point's beliefs and values, and that you want Life Point to be your home church. For more information about Life Point Church, visit <https://www.lifepointsa.com/aboutus>.

### **To have your child dedicated at Life Point Church:**

- We ask parents to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- We ask parents to be sure their beliefs line up with Life Point Church's.
- We ask that parents are partners of Life Point Church.





- We ask parents who are living together and who are not married under the Biblical New Testament covenant of marriage to take steps to acknowledge and surrender to God's plan for their relationship before participating in a parent/child dedication service.

### **Who is allowed on stage for the parent/child dedications?**

- Parents dedicating their child and the child being dedicated.

### **How do I know that my registration was received?**

- We will send an email letting you know your registration was received and approved.

### **Does Life Point Church baptize infants?**

- Scripture provides evidence that Baptism follows an individual's decision to trust Christ alone for salvation (Acts 2:41, 8:12, and 10:47–48).
- In the Bible, we find parents bringing their children to Jesus. He held them, prayed for them, and told us to welcome them. But He did not baptize them and He did not tell anyone else to baptize them. Life Point believes Baptism is for those who have made a personal decision to trust Christ alone for their salvation, once they have the maturity and ability to understand what that means.
- Dedication is not a sacrament; nor does it impart grace or salvation to a child. Salvation comes only through faith in Jesus Christ as each person recognizes their sinfulness and receives forgiveness and eternal life through Christ and His work on the cross.
- Rather than baptizing infants or children, Life Point encourages Christian parents to dedicate their children. This is a ceremony in which parents formally call upon God's blessing for their child and publicly commit to raise him or her in accordance with Scripture.

