

1. Do you meet the requirements for family dedication and affirm what you've read in this Family Dedication brochure? _____ Do you have any questions about what you've read?

2. Do you understand the difference between Family Dedication and believer's water baptism? Briefly explain.

3. What does Family Dedication represent to you and your family?

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to Him. Therefore, I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, **he is lent to the LORD.**" 1 Samuel 1:26-28

"And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to **present him to the Lord...**" Luke 2:22

And they were bringing children to Him that He might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them, "**Let the children come to me;** do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And He took them in His arms and blessed them, laying His hands on them. Mark 10:13-16

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

"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall **teach them diligently to your children**, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." Deuteronomy 6:6-7



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A PARENT'S GUIDE TO FAMILY DEDICATION
AT NORTHCREEK CHURCH



BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.
JOSHUA 24:15B

CONGRATULATIONS!

We're so glad you're considering Family Dedication. We take families seriously at NorthCreek Church, and join with you as you seek to raise your children in the Lord. Family Dedication is a special opportunity to publicly commit your family to the Lord and to the church body. You might choose to participate in Family Dedication one time, or multiple times as children join your family.

WHAT IS FAMILY DEDICATION?

The act of dedicating children to the Lord was a common practice of blessing among the people of God in both the Old and New Testaments. It was also a recognition by parents that their child truly belonged to God. At NorthCreek, we dedicate children for the same reasons.

Dedication is **not** the impartation of salvation upon a child. It **is** a public expression of faith and commitment by parents, and a blessing of God through His church. By dedicating your family, you are making a prayerful declaration of your stewardship over God's gracious gift to you. You are also pledging to do all you can to raise your child to respect and honor God and to love and serve Jesus Christ.

ARE THERE REQUIREMENTS?

Because Family Dedication is a serious commitment before the Lord and the church, we require four things in order to participate:

- At least one parent is a member of NorthCreek Church.
- Be committed to training your child(ren) to respect and honor God.
- You are married (except in the case of a single parent).

If you have questions or are uncertain about any of these requirements, please email kids@northcreek.org.

TO WHAT AM I COMMITTING?

When we dedicate your family, you are committing to:

- Publicly affirm your personal faith in Christ and your dedication to Him and His Word.
- Recognize that your children belong to God and have been born to experience His love and to serve Him.
- Pray daily for God's direction in your lives and in the lives of your children.
- Participate in Sunday worship with your children.
- Teach your children the truths of God's Word at home.
- Seek to encourage your children in their relationship with Christ.

I'VE READ THE BROCHURE; NOW WHAT?

If you have read this brochure entirely, are committed to honor God in your parenting, and have met the requirements listed, here's what to do next:

1. Fill out both sides of the perforated portion "Dedication Questionnaire."
2. Detach and return questionnaire to the NorthCreek Church office or place in the offering plate on Sunday morning.
3. After your questionnaire has been received, you will receive an email with more details. If you have not heard from Children's Ministries within two weeks of submitting your questionnaire, please call the church office at (925) 210-9036.
- 4 You will be asked to email a photo of your child for the congregation to enjoy during Family Dedication. When you get confirmation email, send us the cutest one you have! (landscape layout please)



DEDICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Please fill out front and back of form completely and return to the church office or place in the offering plate.

Please mark your preferred time and service:

May 12th, 2024 9:00am 10:45am

Nov 10th, 2024 9:00am 10:45am

We will do our best to give you the time you have requested, but can't make any promises! Please wait until you receive a confirmation email to find out in which service we've placed you.

Parents' Information

Mom's name _____

Dad's name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Primary home number _____

Email address _____

Child's Information

Child's first, middle, and last name

Child's birthdate

If you will be dedicating more than one child at this service, please write their name(s) and birthday(s) in the space below.

Please continue to the other side of this form.