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CHILD DEDICATION GUIDE

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WHAT IS CHILD DEDICATION?

Child Dedication provides parents with the opportunity to present their child before God, asking for His grace and wisdom in carrying out their parental responsibilities and praying their child will grow in relationship with Jesus. It is an opportunity for family, friends and the collective church body to acknowledge publicly their support in coming alongside parents, and to pray for the child and their parents as they commit to raising their child(ren) with a Biblical foundation.

“Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.”
Psalms 127:3 (NLT)

CHILD DEDICATION IS NOT:

- A baptism service for the child. At Rock City Church, we understand that baptism is a decision made by a believer to follow God’s commands and is an outward demonstration of an inward change.
- A form of Salvation. At Rock City Church, we believe that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus. Salvation occurs when people recognize and confess their sin and place their faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus as sufficient payment for their sin. Salvation is a gift from God, and it cannot be earned through our own efforts.



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WHAT IS BIBLICAL PARENTING?

Biblical parenting requires educating and training your child in the Word of God. That requires you, as the parent, to spend time in God's Word.

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)

God's design for family begins with marriage:

“It is God who created both man and woman, and it is God who designed and blessed the first marriage and family. We affirm that marriage is defined in the Bible as a sacred covenant between one man and one woman, instituted by God and publicly entered into before God, and that children are a gift from God. We affirm that there are two genders, male and female, and only two genders, as designed by God and as determined at birth and affirmed through science.

“But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” – Jesus, Mark 10:6

(Gen 1:27-28, 2:18, 2:24; Deut 22:5 esv; Ps 127:3 nlt, 139:13-16; Jer 1:5; Rom 1:26-27; Lev 18:22; 1 Cor 6:9-10; 1 Tim 1:3-17)