



## F.A.Q.

### **What time and where do I need to be on Sunday?**

You should arrive at the church early enough to meet with a staff person at the Connection Point Booth 20 minutes before the service starts. At that time, we will let you know where to sit and exactly when the child dedication will take place in the service.

### **How old is too old for Child Dedication?**

We would recommend not doing child dedication once the child is old enough to understand a relationship with Jesus. At this point, it may be good to start talking about believer's baptism. For many, it's probably once they have reached 1<sup>st</sup> Grade.

### **What is the difference between Child Dedication and Believer's Baptism?**

At child dedication, we are promising before God and our faith family to partner together to raise the child in a Godly manner and asking God to give us strength and wisdom for what is to come. We also seek God for the future salvation of our child. In believer's baptism, people declare to their faith family what has already happened, that Jesus has saved them from their sins and they desire to follow after Him!

### **What is Child Dedication?**

Please check out the two videos on the website under steps one and two for this answer.

### **What will Child Dedication look like in the Service?**

Child dedication usually happens towards the beginning of the service. The Pastor will invite all the families to join them in front of the stage. They will then ask all families as a group to answer the questions listed below. Then, one by one, we will ask someone from your family to step up to the microphone and read your covenant. The Pastor will then dedicate your child by placing his hands on them and praying. Once your child has been dedicated you and your family may exit the stage area.

1. Do you, in the presence of God and this church, solemnly dedicate this child to the Lord?
2. Will you endeavor to live a life before this child that will give witness to your faith in Jesus Christ?
3. Do you accept the authority of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God?
4. Will you endeavor diligently to teach this child the commandments and promises of the Most High God, so that your child may early come to personal faith in Jesus Christ?

### **What do I need to bring with me on Child Dedication Sunday?**

Your written covenant, your child, and any friends and family you want to support you as a part of the circle of influence on your child.

**What if we are uncomfortable with reading our covenant in front of people?**

Let Pastor Keith know this ([kluke@crossroadson23.com](mailto:kluke@crossroadson23.com) or 734-854-1301) at least a week before the Child Dedication and we will have someone read it for you on stage.

**When does everything need to be turned in by?**

The covenant and the child dedication info sheet **MUST** be filled out and submitted one week before the Child Dedication service!

**Will anyone touch base with me before the Child Dedication Service?**

Yes, once you finish step 4 on the website someone from the staff will contact you.

**Do you have a sample of a covenant I could see?**

Dear Addie,

This morning your mother and I are so proud to be your parents. We want to promise to you that we will do our best to raise you in the way that God calls us too. We will teach you the importance of God's love through our love for you and others. We will teach you the importance of serving God as we serve. We will teach you the importance of living a life for him as we live ours. We will teach you the importance of generosity and we strive to be generous. We will teach you the word of God as we commit to learning it ourselves. We will show you the importance of Community as we are a part of a church community and commit to help you participate in it through Kids Street and Velocity. We believe that we have been blessed by God to be entrusted with being your parents and will do our best to submit our decisions, direction and practices in raising you to him.

Mom & Dad

**Will someone video record the service?**

Yes. However, we do sometimes run into technical difficulties. So we would strongly recommend having someone record that part of the service or take pictures for you.

**How should I dress for Child Dedication?**

Dress in whatever way you are most comfortable. Crossroads is pretty much a come as you are Church. Some families do dress up a little more for Child Dedication, but you don't need to. Below is a picture of how a past child dedication looked.

**Who can come up front with us?**

Normally the two parents and the child being dedicated are the only three up front. However, it would be ok if other siblings or Godparents wanted to join you. Please remember some services have a lot of children being dedicated and it can get crowded.