



Child Dedication Information

This sheet will provide you with important information about how we handle child dedications here at Gibbon Baptist Church.

What is child dedication?

In the Baptist tradition, we baptize only those who have professed faith in Jesus. We do not believe baptism saves anyone. We do believe baptism is an important step of obeying Jesus for those who have made the choice to follow Jesus with their lives.

Child dedication is an opportunity for parents (also: guardians, grandparents) to publicly and intentionally dedicate themselves to raising the child they are responsible for in a God-honoring way. Although child dedication is often done by parents in the first few months of a child's life, here at Gibbon Baptist Church we welcome parents with children of any age to participate in child dedication.

What preparation is needed?

No preparation is needed. You will need to coordinate with the church office to ensure that we are tracking you for inclusion in our next child dedication.

What will the child dedication be like?

- During a Sunday worship service, I will explain what child dedication is and then call the people who are involved up to the front of the sanctuary.
- I will introduce each parent/child combination to the church.
- After the children and families have been introduced, I will ask the parents to respond to five questions with "I do."
- I will ask the congregation to signify their support by standing and then pray.
- Every family will be given a child dedication certificate and a copy of the Jesus Storybook Bible.

Next Steps

If you have any questions or would like to begin plans for a child dedication at Gibbon Baptist Church, please contact Elaina, our church secretary, or myself anytime at 308-468-5323 or office@gibbonbaptist.org.

Pastor Jon Wymer

Child Dedication Order of Service

Explanation of Child Dedication (ask families to come forward)

Introduction of Children/Families

Parent Affirmations

If you as parents affirm these statements, please respond by saying, "I do."

- Do you receive this child with gratitude, as God's gift to you and your family?
- Do you commit to each other as parents, creating a stable environment in which your child can mature? Will you make a covenant to strengthen your marriage relationship?
- Do you commit to be parents of personal faith, recognizing your children are more likely to follow God's path by the model they first observe in you?
- Do you commit to lead a faith-filled home that honors God in all your relationships and in the choices you make in spiritually growing your family?
- Do you commit to be parents with patience, recognizing that with your inherent strengths and weaknesses, your desire to shape your child is a loving act that will require time, prayer, and God in order to produce in your children what He and you hope for?

Congregational Affirmation

If you commit yourself to supporting these parents as they seek to build a godly home, please signify your support by standing with us now.

Pastoral Prayer

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