

The Family Dedication Experience

West Side Christian Church

The Family Dedication Experience offers parents of infants and young children a formal and public opportunity to affirm their faith in Jesus Christ while promising to model and convey it to their children. Parents are challenged to pray daily with and for their children, teach them about God naturally through daily circumstances, and participate faithfully in Christ's Church. In turn, the church promises to support the parents in the task of raising their children.

There are four steps in the Family Dedication Experience.

- Family Dedication Introductory Class: Sunday, October 26th, 11:00 a.m.
- Bringing Up a Blessing Workbook: Worked on at home by the parents
- Family Dedication Celebration: Saturday, November 8th, 10:00 a.m.
- Family Dedication: Sunday, November 9th

Our Family Dedication Experience is held annually and is traditionally for families with children 22 mo. or younger.

The deadline for registration is Tuesday, October 21st.

Please submit 3-7 photographs with your registration form for our slide show to be presented at the Family Dedication Celebration.

Membership Is Required for Participation in Family Dedications

The family dedication ceremony is a moment designed for the entire church, not just the parents and child. In return for the congregation's commitment to the parents, we wish for the parents to have made a commitment to West Side's mission and doctrine via church membership.

For questions contact Jessica at JessicaS@wschurch.org or 793-2800 ext 3427

Family Dedication Introductory Class

Sunday, October 26th, 11:00 a.m., SCS Library

This class is a required step to participate in the Family Dedication Experience. Parents will hear from the Early Childhood Ministry and Parenting Ministry, receive the Bringing Up a Blessing workbook, and get information about the Family Dedication Celebration and Ceremony.

Bringing Up A Blessing Workbook

This short workbook provides some simple information about God's plan for the role of the family and of the church. Discussion questions and parenting helps are also provided. The workbook concludes with a Parents Promise that each of the parents can sign to show their commitment to God in this new journey of parenting. This Parent's Promise will also be read as a part of our Family Dedication Celebration.

Family Dedication Celebration

Saturday, November 8th, 10:00 a.m.

The Family Dedication Celebration is a special party for you and your loved ones to celebrate your commitment to God as you parent your child in a way that honors Him. We will provide invitations so you can invite family or friends to celebrate with you. The morning of the celebration we will have brunch and celebrate each child as an individual. We will also ask parents to publicly confirm their commitment through a reading of the Parent's Promise.

Family Dedication

Sunday, November 9th

The commitment that the parents have made will be acknowledged by their church family during the Sunday morning services on November 9th. Can sign up for the service of their choice (8:00, 9:30 or 11:00) and we'll provide further details closer to the date.

REGISTRATION FOR FAMILY DEDICATION

Please print all information clearly

Child's Name (first, middle and last) _____

Child's date of birth _____ Weight _____ Length _____

Parent's Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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