

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them... He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

MARK 10:13-14

Child Dedication at Petra is a way in which we present our children to God for his purposes to be accomplished in their lives.

Child dedication is not infant baptism. When children are older, they need to personally accept Christ as their Savior for the forgiveness of their sins, and to be baptized. We ask that children wait for baptism until age 10.

Child dedication is also a parent dedication, where the parents publicly commit to teaching and training their child to follow God in a healthy Christian environment.

We ask that both parents attend the dedication; however, single parents are also welcome to dedicate their child. If you are unmarried and living together, you need to first meet with a pastor to discuss your plans for establishing a Christian home and marriage. Also, if you wish to dedicate a foster child, we ask you to first process this request with a pastor.

Child dedications at Petra are usually done on the fifth Sunday of the month in both morning services. You can register online at www.petra.church, by using the Petra App, or by calling the church office. You will be asked to complete a Child Dedication Form and to provide several pictures of your child, which will be shown during the dedication service. For questions, please contact the church office.

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