



Parent & Child DEDICATION

Sunday, November 12

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Parent-Child Dedication?

Our Parent-Child Dedication is a commissioning of Gospel-believing families — a time when parents go before the church and make a commitment to the Lord to raise their child(ren) according to Scripture.

- It's a celebration of the gift of life — a time to stand before the Lord and give Him praise for the miracle of life! It's a time for parents to recognize that the baby they hold in their arms is not theirs, but God's, because God is the creator and sustainer of life.
- It's a time of commissioning for parents as the primary faith influencers of their children — a time when parents acknowledge that they have a responsibility to...
 - Teach and train their child in God's Word
 - Demonstrate Godliness in their home
 - Discipline according to God's ways
 - Praying earnestly for their children
 - Faithfully bringing their children to church
- It's a time of commitment for the local church — a time when the congregation promises to come alongside parents in the discipleship process and pledges to undergird families with prayer and Biblical support.

What is required to have my child dedicated at Forest Hills?

To have a child dedicated at FHBC, parents must...

- Be committed followers of Jesus Christ who demonstrate an authentic relationship with the Lord
- Be regular attendees of FHBC's Sunday morning worship services
- Be in agreement with FHBC's Statement of Faith

Frequently Asked Questions Continued

How old must a child be to be to participate in Parent-Child Dedication?

Most children are dedicated before they reach the age of 2. That said, we work with each family on an individual basis. Some examples of exceptions include families that have adopted a child that is older than the age of 2. Or, maybe the parents have recently made a profession of faith... Also, older children can be dedicated along with a younger sibling. When in doubt, don't hesitate to ask!

Can a single parent participate in a Parent-Child Dedication Service?

Yes! Our church wants to support you in your spiritual growth as the primary faith influencer of your home — we desire to be part of your extended family! Know that if you want to participate in a dedication and would like to stand with your parents or another family member, we're happy to discuss this matter and provide guidance on how they can take part in the service with you.

Can the biological parents participate in Parent-Child Dedication if they are not married?

While we encourage both married and unmarried parents to embrace the importance of spiritual commitment for children, a dedication is intended to reflect God's plan for families found in Scripture. For those who are unmarried or living together, taking steps to acknowledge and surrender to God's plan for their individual lives must take precedence over participation in a Parent-Child Dedication.

Do you baptize babies?

No, we do not baptize babies. Baptism is something that should occur after someone make's profession of faith. Dedication is a chance for parents to commit their children to the Lord and vow to be the primary faith influencers of their home. To learn more about baptism — what it is, what it symbolizes, who should be baptized, etc. — visit fhbc.org/baptism.