



## **Open Door Next Generation Child Dedication**

At Open Door, we offer a special ceremony for parents to dedicate their child/ren to the Lord. It give parents a chance to remember the gift that their child is as well as consider their desires for themselves as parents and for their child/ren.

At Open Door, we believe that Child Dedication is a an opportunity for parents to dedicate and commit their child to a loving God and to pray and proclaim their desire for faithful following.

For Christian parents, child dedication is a sacred act of intentionally placing their child in the hands of a loving God, in recognition that it is only in God their son or daughter will find fullness of life.

Child dedication is a beginning point in the journey of faith. Like baptism, it does not magically produce salvation. The dedication ceremony provides an opportunity to invite the Spirit of God to work in the heart and life of the child to bring him or her to a place of faith.

Child dedication recognizes the important relationship the Christian family has with the church, in bringing the child before others in the faith community for prayer and blessing. As a church we desire to bless you and your child; asking for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to raise your child in love and truth, standing with you in your desire to see your child grow in faith and knowledge of the Lord.

We ask that you, as parents, desiring to have your child dedicated:

- Attend a Child Dedication Preparation Class
- Have an active faith in Jesus Christ
- Share your experience with a sponsor(s)
- Are willing to teach and train your child in the ways of the Lord

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs. Matthew 19:14