

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God,
the LORD is one. Love the LORD your
God with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your strength.
These commandments that I give you
today are to be on your hearts.
Impress them on your children. Talk
about them when you sit at home and
when you walk along the road, when
you lie down and when you get up.”
Deuteronomy 6:4-7

“He said to them, ‘Take to heart all
the words I have solemnly declared to
you this day, so that you may
command your children to obey
carefully all the words of this law. They
are not just idle words for you - they
are your life.’” *Deuteronomy 32:46-47*



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The arrival of a baby into the home is one of the most exciting events in the lives of parents. As parents, we recognize that we have a responsibility to love and care for this precious new life. In addition to meeting our child's many physical, emotional, and social needs, God has given us the stewardship of their spiritual life, too. Working with the Holy Spirit, we instill spiritual truth and lead them toward a personal relationship with Jesus, which is the single most important gift we can give our child. Deuteronomy 6, Psalm 78:3-8, and Ephesians 6:4 compel parents to take the spiritual training of their children very seriously. When we do, we embark on a life-transforming journey to pass on a legacy of biblical faith to the next generation.

At Christian Fellowship Assembly we are developing a strategic plan to resource and support you in your role as primary spiritual trainers of your children. We call this plan **The Legacy Path**. It is a plan for strategic spiritual parenting through intentional faith talks, capturing God sightings and celebrating milestones in your child's life.

Parent/Child Dedication

The first step on the legacy path is **Parent/Child Dedication** and includes both a class and a dedication ceremony. During the 'First Steps' class, you will learn about your role as the primary faith trainer for your child.

This seminar covers topics like:

- Understanding Parent/Child Dedication
- The Development of Your Child
- The Importance of Mom and Dad
- Ways to Bless Your Child
- Building Biblical Foundations

You will also be given resources to help you write a prayer of dedication and blessing. In preparation for the ceremony, we ask that you submit a picture of your child and the written prayer to the church office at least a week before the ceremony is scheduled. During the ceremony, you will have the opportunity to share the prayer you have written. As well, the church family will be asked to commit to partnering with you, as parents, in the faith development of your child. This is a time of celebration for the whole church family as you commit to partnership with God and engaging with your child on an exciting faith journey.

Overview

1. Parents or perspective parents attend the required "First Steps" class. Please check the church website or call the church office to find out when the next seminar is being offered.
2. Parents call the church office to schedule the dedication ceremony. These are scheduled during Sunday morning worship services, which begin at 9:30 am and 11:30 am. Be sure to invite family and friends to be part of this important celebration!
3. Parents write a prayer of dedication and blessing.
4. Parents forward a picture of their child and copy of the prayer to the church office at least a week before the scheduled dedication ceremony. On the scheduled Sunday, parents will be invited onto the platform and given the opportunity to pray the blessing they have prayerfully prepared.

