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What Is Parent/Child Dedication?

Parenting isn't easy. It's full of joys, challenges, and near-constant questions about whether we're getting it right.

We feel pressure because we know parents are the most important influence in a child's life. But parents aren't the sole influence that a child needs. That makes a huge difference, because it means parents get to partner with people who will love and lead their child well.

At PRBC, we care about our next generation. Parent/Child Dedication is an opportunity for you to meet other parents and trusted leaders who will join you in the parenting trenches and speak truth to your kids.

When you dedicate your child, you're making it clear in front of others that you'll raise your kids to know Jesus according to biblical teachings. It's a way to live out the call in Deuteronomy 6:4-7, which says this:

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.

These verses show that as parents seek to love God with all that they are, they set a powerful example for their children. Not merely with words, but with actions and choices. **We are to live, teach, and talk about what it means to follow Jesus, and to do it frequently and intentionally.** In doing so, we are passing faith to the generations which will come after us.

Still have questions? Here are some FAQs about child dedications:

Q: Is parent/child dedication the same as baptism?

A: No, child dedication is not the same thing as baptism or a personal commitment to be a Christ-follower.

When you dedicate your child, you're committing to raise them in an environment where they will hear about Jesus and have an opportunity to choose for themselves to follow Him.

When your child makes a personal commitment to follow Christ, they can choose to share that decision with others publicly through baptism.

Q: Why is child dedication important?

A: Child dedication is a spiritually significant milestone for your whole family. It marks your choice as a parent to honor God and to come as you are, be transformed, and make a difference as a family.

That choice will impact your personal and parenting decisions through things like joining a community, serving others, and modeling generosity. In other words, you're partnering with the church to show your kids what a dynamic, growing faith in Jesus is all about.

Q: What's the best age to dedicate my child?

A: There is no "right" age; you can dedicate your child at any time. Their chronological age is less important than the principle, which is to let others know that your family will be one that seeks to follow Christ.

Regardless of your kids' age(s), you might want to find a family Bible verse or jot down some core family values that will help to guide you in this journey.

And remember, we're not alone in the hard work of parenting. God designed it to be done in loving community. Let's do it together!

God's Blessings April 3, 2022

Budget Needs:	\$7,265.61
Budget Receipt:	\$10,395.50
Annie Armstrong:	\$520.00
Sunday School Attendance	109
Worship Attendance	186

God's Blessings April 10, 2022

Budget Needs:	\$7,265.61
Budget Receipt:	\$6882.00
Annie Armstrong:	\$150.00
Sunday School Attendance	108
Worship Attendance	195

God's Blessings April 17, 2022

Budget Needs:	\$7,265.61
Budget Receipt:	\$3,711.00
Annie Armstrong:	\$185.00
Sunday School Attendance	113
Worship Attendance	268

God's Blessings April 24 2022

Budget Needs:	\$7,265.61
Budget Receipt:	\$5,539.00
Annie Armstrong:	\$2,570.00
Sunday School Attendance	97
Worship Attendance	164

PRBC BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS APRIL

The youth trip to Snowbird was a huge success. A total of 24 people went on the trip. The youth studied the book of Jude as an example of contending for our faith.

The average Sunday School attendance for March 2022 was 96.

The handbells will practice once a month through the summer to prepare for the Christmas holidays. If you would like to be a part of this ministry you are welcome to join.

The elected teachers for the 2,3 and 4 year old Sunday School class will be Cindy Cochran, Sharon Wooten, Chelsea Cockerham, and Jane Love.

Volunteers are still needed for the monthly Ark meals ministry. Please see Debbie Garner for more details or sign up in the vestibule.

We are still in need of nursery workers for bible school. If you have never worked with children before at PRBC, please go to the church website and complete the information for a background check.

PRBC had a wonderful turnout for our Easter Event this past Saturday April 16. We had twice as many kids participate as we signed up. Everything went smoothly and the gospel was shared with lots of little ears.

PRBC had a great turnout for the blood drive. A total of 42 pints was donated, with 6 walk-ins.

A group of 23 Senior Saints went on the trip Monday, April 18th. On May 26th the group will be traveling to the Hickory Flea Market. Please eat breakfast before leaving home and you will stop for lunch while on the trip.

Tri-C for May: Cereal Donations:

Ark Meal for May 17: Brandon & Regina

New Sunday School Class: Attention Parents: We will be starting a Sunday School Class for 2,3,and 4 year olds on May 1. This class will be located in the Toddler Room. We are excited to see you there!

Walk for Life: Join Lifeline to Walk for Life on Friday, May 6 at 8:00pm. The walk will take place at Elkin Park, US Hwy 268.

Check in : 6:30pm and walk begins at 8:00 PM. It is a self-paced 2-mile walk. Please pick up your Pledge Form in the vestibule. Lifeline is looking forward to seeing you there! You can come on your own, or bring friends and family with you.

Parent/Child Dedication: on Mother's Day, May 8th. Parent/Child Dedication is a time where parents present their child before God, the church and loved ones and commit to raising their children in the ways of the Lord. We want to celebrate the wonderful gift that God has given you, your child. We want to encourage you to spiritually nurture your child. We want to challenge you to dedicate yourself to raising your child up in a God honoring way. As parents we are to guide and direct our children toward Christ, so that they may make their own decision to choose Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior in their life. We are committed to supporting you to provide a Christian foundation for your child's upbringing. **Please provide the parent's and children's full names to the church office by May 1st.**

Senior Saints: On May 26th the group will be traveling to the Hickory Flea Market. Please eat breakfast before leaving home and you will stop for lunch while on the trip.

Vacation Bible School: coming up on June 5-9.

Hey PRBC!

If you have checked out a book from the PRBC Library and are finished with it, would you please return it? There are many books that have been checked out and not returned. Please take a look at home and see if you or your children might have a PRBC book at home. Thanks for your help keeping our libraries full of books for many to enjoy!

A great big thank you to everyone who helped make our annual blood drive such a great success - donors and volunteers. We collected 42 pints of life-saving blood. PRBC always steps up to the occasion, whatever it is. Again thank you!!!

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

GOAL \$6000 FINAL: \$5,135.00

Pastor's Corner

I was standing on our back deck the other day... just staring out into the back yard. There were the trees, leaves, dirt, old logs, gravel, and pavement. There were also deer, birds, landscaping with beautiful flowering shrubs, and freshly mown green grass. Cindy came out and stood beside me for just a brief moment and asked what I was doing? To which I reply, "just surveying the kingdom!"

It is all part of life, isn't it? The lovely and the gross, the sturdy and the weak, the decayed things and the fresh new things. We live in a beautifully created world, and yet it has brokenness as well as new life. Our perspective can affect how we feel and view things. It takes all of it to make the "kingdom".

God's kingdom works the same way. He doesn't use just the beautiful people, the talented people, etc. He uses ALL the people, in times of great blessing and in times of brokenness! He is making up a Kingdom People, for His purpose, for His pleasure and for His Glory! Enjoy the family of the Kingdom People. Rejoice that He sees all of it as a Beautiful Kingdom. "He has made ALL things beautiful in its time", Ecclesiastes 3:11

In-Joy!
Your friend and pastor,
John Newton