




**FAITH  
PATH**

**Parent  
Commitment/  
Baby Dedication**

**Commit to Raise Your  
Child in a God-Honoring Home**



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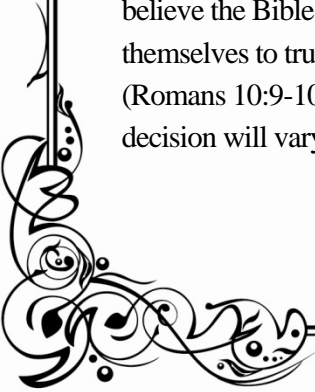
Congratulations! If you are reading this, your family was recently blessed with a new baby. As a church, we are excited to partner with you as you begin this incredible journey with your child.

### **What is Parent Commitment/Baby Dedication?**

Parent Commitment/Baby Dedication is a special time during a weekend service in which you make a formal commitment to raise your child in a Christ-centered home. We see several examples in the Bible such as I Samuel 1:24 – 2:10 when Hannah dedicated Samuel at the temple and Luke 2 where Mary and Joseph dedicated Jesus. During the weekend services you will be asked to make a public pledge before the congregation that you will raise your child to know, love and follow Jesus Christ. God designed the home as the primary place for faith to be nurtured. One way that we seek to partner with you is by providing resources throughout your child's spiritual journey. We call this the Faith Path. Parent dedication is the first step.

### **The Parent's Commitment**

Parent Commitment/Baby Dedication is *your* commitment to model, teach and reinforce the Christian Faith. It should not be confused with *your child's* personal choice to follow Christ. We believe the Bible clearly teaches that each person must decide for themselves to trust in Jesus Christ as both Savior and Lord (Romans 10:9-10). The age a child is ready to make this personal decision will vary depending on the child.



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## **The Church's Commitment**

Parent Commitment/Baby Dedication is also a time for the church to commit to walk alongside you as you point your child toward Christ. Parent Commitment/Baby Dedication is on Sunday mornings during the worship services. Parent Commitment/Baby Dedication will occur 1-2 times a year.

## **Parent Commitment/Baby Dedication Steps**

1. Sign up for Parent Commitment/Baby Dedication
2. Attend a Parent Commitment/Baby Dedication Orientation Class.
3. Participate in a Parent Commitment/Baby Dedication Ceremony.

## **Parent Commitment/Baby Dedication Celebration Ideas**

*Ideas for making dedication a special time include...*

- Have a dinner or celebration time with family and friends before/after the weekend service.
- Invite family members and special family friends to write blessings to your child. Make sure that you write one too!
- Record a video message for your child to view in the future. Speak words of affirmation, sharing how you are praying for their spiritual journey and how you desire to point them toward Christ. You can also write a letter if that works better for you.



## Intentional Faith Path Plan

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*How will you be intentional this next year?*

- Pray daily for my child.
- Attend church regularly.
- Consistently spend time in God's Word.
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The next step on the Faith Path is *Blessing*, recommended at age three. We offer a free *Blessing* kit to guide you. Request the *Blessing* kit at [lezah.maitland@fbcallen.org](mailto:lezah.maitland@fbcallen.org)

### Recommended Resources

*My Faith Box* by Lydia Randall from [myfaithbox.org](http://myfaithbox.org)

*Focus on the Family Complete Guide to Baby and Child Care*

*The Ministry of Motherhood* by Sally Clarkson

*Power of a Praying Parent* by Stormie Omartian

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