



Family Dedication Application

We look forward to joining with you in the dedication of your family. Our Campus Pastor, Stuart Pendell, performs all dedications. Please complete the following application and return it to the church office or Children's Minister as soon as possible. (Please Print.)

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Child's Full Name: _____

Child's Birth date: _____

Adults Marital Status: Single* Married Separated* Divorced* Widowed

*Children of single, separated, or divorced parents will be dedicated by one parent (either the mother or the father, not both) desiring to dedicate himself or herself to living and modeling a Christ-honoring lifestyle.

Please briefly explain your relationship with Christ below . . .

Mother:

Father:



Commitment to Dedicate:

1. I recognize that my family is a gift from God.
2. I promise to do whatever I can to model for my child what it means to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ.
3. I promise to pray for my child.
4. I promise to read and teach the Bible to my child. (Deuteronomy 6:4- 9)
5. From this point forward, I promise to do whatever is necessary to make sure my family has every exposure to Cross Church's Ministries and regular worship. If God should choose to relocate my family, I promise to find another Christ honoring church to attend where I will continue to honor this commitment.
6. I understand that the congregation of Cross Church is making a commitment to my family to help and support us in the raising of my child/children to honor Jesus Christ.

Mother's Signature

Father's Signature



“Life Verse” you have chosen for your child: (optional) If you would like a list of Bible verses from which to choose, please speak with the Children’s Minister.

Siblings (please list names and ages of siblings):

Name	Age
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Family and Friends Attending:

We encourage you to bring your extended family and friends to the dedication service. Please let us know who will be attending and how they are related to your child/children.

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We are very excited about this special day for your family. You are promising to raise your child/children to honor the Lord and to live a lifestyle modeling that of a fully devoted follower of Christ.



“These commandments that I give you today are to be upon 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 6:6-7

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God has given you the gift, challenge and responsibility of raising this precious child/children. Yet, you cannot do this alone; it calls for you to look toward Him for support. By dedicating your child, you are recognizing the need for wisdom, guidance and strength that only God can give. Cross Church will pray for, encourage, and strengthen you along this journey to raise this blessing God has given you.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do the parents need to be Christians in order to dedicate their child?
Yes. As a couple or single parent standing before God dedicating a child to Him in a Christian church, your life should follow that of Christ.
2. Does dedicating my family guarantee that a child will become a Christian?
No. Dedicating your home to Christ does not guarantee your child will become a Christian. However, values are more “caught” than taught, and we do believe that in dedicating your life as a parent to Jesus Christ, your child is more likely to one day make a personal decision to follow Christ.
3. What age should my child be for a family dedication?
While Family dedication is often thought of as being for children birth to two years of age; we are open to all ages and will deal with each family on an individual basis.
4. Do I have to be a member of Cross Church?
Yes. You must be a member of Cross Church. If you are not a member and would like to find out how you can become a member of Cross Church, stop by the Encourager Room on Sunday morning.
5. Will Cross Church dedicate the home of a single parent?
Yes. Like the married couple, the single parent needs to be challenged to raise his/her child to be a follower of Christ. And like the married couple, the single parent needs to receive the support of the church body as he/she takes primary responsibility in discipling his/her child.

6. Can a significant-other stand with the single mom/dad during the dedication?
No. The boyfriend/girlfriend or fiancée is not part of the family until the wedding occurs. The single parent may choose to wait until after the wedding to allow the significant-other to participate in the dedication.
7. Can a cohabiting partner stand with the single mom/dad during the dedication?
No. Cohabitation is not supported by Cross Church and should be remedied. Such individuals should seek counsel from the church and make progress toward either marriage or separation, depending on the situation. Once spiritual health and biblical order is established in the relationship, a dedication may be discussed.
8. Can an ex-spouse stand with the single mom/dad during the dedication?
No. In a single parent home, the privilege of dedicating a family is reserved for the parent who has the primary responsibility for raising his/her child.
9. Will Cross Church dedicate the family of a common-law couple?
No. Although common-law marriage is recognized as legal in the State of Texas, we believe that marriage is a covenant to be entered into prior to co-habitation and for the express purpose of unifying a couple as a family unit in the eyes of God and the Law. However, once biblical order is established (see FAQ #7) as well as spiritual health in the relationship, a dedication may be discussed.
10. Can other family or friends stand with the single mom/dad during the dedication?
Yes. Cross Church is both sensitive to and supportive of the need single parents have for close community, especially in the endeavor to raise a child to be a follower of Christ. Thus, it is entirely appropriate for the single parent to have a relative(s) or good friend(s) (not significant other) standing with him/her.