

child



DEDICATION



"People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them . . . He said to them, 'let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'"

MARK 10:13-14

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Child dedication at Petra

is a way in which we

present our children to

God for his purposes to be

accomplished in their lives.

Child dedication is not infant baptism. When children are older, they need to personally accept Christ as their Savior for the forgiveness of their sins and be baptized. We ask that children wait for baptism until age 10, so as to have a better understanding of baptism.

Child dedication is also a parent dedication where the parents publically commit to teaching and training their child to follow God in a healthy Christian environment.

We ask that both parents attend the dedication; however, single parents are also welcome to dedicate their child. If you are unmarried and living together, you need to first meet with a pastor to discuss your plans in establishing a Christian home and marriage. Also, if you wish to dedicate a foster child, we ask you to first process this request with a pastor.

Child dedications at Petra are usually done on the fifth Sunday of the month in both morning services. You can register online at www.petra.church or by calling the church office.

You will be asked to complete a Child Dedication Form and to provide pictures of your child, which will be shown during the service. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the church office.