



BABY DEDICATION

Children are a priority at Mosaic Chapel! One of our great privileges as a church family is to stand together in the presence of the Lord as you dedicate your children. We set aside time during our monthly church services to support, encourage and pray for you and your children as raise them to be Christ-followers. It's also a way for the church to stand with you as you, like Joshua, declare, "as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord," (Joshua 24:15).

WHY SHOULD I DEDICATE MY CHILD?

Dedicating your children to the Lord is an act of acknowledging that:

- Children are created by God and a blessing from Him.

Psalm 139:13-16

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

- Our children ultimately belong to God.

1 Samuel 1:27-28 records the prayer of a woman named Hannah who dedicated her son to the Lord: *"I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord."*

*Note that dedicating your children is not salvation. As your children grow, they will need to make a decision to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

WHY DOES MOSAIC CHAPEL DEDICATE CHILDREN TO THE LORD?

We follow the example of Jesus. First of all, Joseph and Mary presented Jesus to the Lord (see Luke 2:22-35). Secondly, Jesus welcomed and blessed children.

Mark 10:13-16

"People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. 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. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them."

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN MY CHILD'S LIFE?

We believe that teaching kids to love God and serve Him should take place at home and with the church. We strive to partner with parents, leaders and church staff in presenting Jesus Christ in a relevant and applicable way.

RESOURCES

BOOKS

Spiritual Parenting by
Michelle Anthony

MINISTRIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

For a complete list of opportunities for children and youth, visit our website at www.mosaicchapel.org or contact Pastor Angela at angela@mosaicchapel.org

FOR MORE INFO...

About baby dedication or if you need support as a parent, grandparent or guardian, please contact us! We're here to support you, as well as connect you with helpful resources.

THE ROLE OF PARENTS

It is the role of parents to choose who or what your household will serve. Joshua 24:15 reads, *"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."* You are the primary educator in your children's lives. The Great Commission and discipleship begin at home. *"Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.** And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* (Matthew 28:19-20)

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. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 1:4-9)

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6 | KJV) Also read Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 29:17)

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)

THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH

We the church's role is to equip and encourage children in their walk with the Lord! We believe children are capable of ministering to others, regardless of their age. Therefore, Mosaic Chapel provides opportunities for children to grow and develop in their relationship with Jesus, and in their gifts and talents! We KNOW children learn by seeing, hearing and experiencing Christ's love.

WHY DOESN'T MOSAIC CHAPEL WATER BAPTIZE INFANTS?

Infant baptism, although a tradition in some Christian denominations, is not seen in the Bible. Instead, the Bible contains examples of parents taking their children to the Temple to be dedicated and prayed for. The most notable example of this is Jesus' parents dedicating him in Luke 2:22-35.

Following the biblical example, Mosaic Chapel baptizes children, teens and adults. The expectation for baptizing a child is that they have reached an age where they can make the decision themselves to follow Jesus, can articulate what water baptism means, and want to publicly proclaim their decision to follow Jesus by being water baptized.