

## Child Dedication Application

*One form per child please.*

**Please print all information as you would like it to appear on your certificate.**

Parents' Name(s):

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Child's Name:

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first	middle	last
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Address:

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street	city	zip
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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Declaring Christ as Savior and Lord, I acknowledge that my children are gifts from God, that I am a caretaker by His grace and accept the responsibility for raising my family to know and follow Jesus. As a Christian parent:

- I will demonstrate for my child Christian integrity in my personal life.
- I will teach my child the meaning of fidelity in marriage.
- I will show my child the meaning of fellowship and servanthood through my church.
- I will model my faith in my life, in prayer, and the application of the Bible's truth as I teach my child to follow Jesus as Lord.

Parent Signature:

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Date

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### **What is required for me to dedicate my child at Resonate?**

First, you must fill out this application and turn it in to our Family Pastor. You will then complete some work designed to give you some tools and a vision for how to go about raising your child to know and love Jesus. This work comes in the form of listening to three talks and completing a bit of written work related to each one; the information will be emailed to you after you complete this application and/or express interest in Child Dedication. The next step is to attend the mandatory Child Dedication Orientation; this is usually the week before the Dedication. At the Orientation we will discuss the principles from the talks, encourage you, answer questions, and go over the details for the Child Dedication ceremony.

### **What is the difference between Child Dedication and Infant Baptism?**

Child dedication at Resonate is not the same as infant baptism. We believe that baptism is a public statement of faith that can be made only by someone who has personally believed in Christ. Infants cannot make a personal decision to believe in Jesus.

Psalm 127:3 declares that children are a gift from the Lord. Child dedication is a Sunday-morning ceremony that signifies your commitment to care for this precious gift. It is an event that symbolizes your pledge to raise your child in a Christian home and church where he or she can come to know, love, and serve Jesus. It also signifies a commitment by the people of Resonate to provide a loving, biblical community that supports and prays for your family.

### **Does dedicating my child guarantee they'll become a Christian?**

No, each person must make that decision for themselves. However, dedicating yourself as a parent and living faithfully as a disciple of Jesus is the best example to give your child so that they might one day follow Him.

### **If I'm a single parent, can I dedicate my child?**

Absolutely. We encourage single parents that are following Biblical principles in raising their children to take part in this ceremony.

### **How old should my child be?**

Usually child dedications are done in the first few years, however families new to our church may want to participate and are definitely welcome. Any child in your home is able to participate in a child dedication ceremony.