

## **CHILD DEDICATION:**

At FWC, we wholeheartedly believe that children are a gift from God and as parents, the stewardship of that gift carries great joy and responsibility.

### **What Child Dedication Is Not:**

This is not the **day** of salvation for your child. Salvation is the free gift of God, received when someone grasps their need for Christ and makes the conscious decision to enter into a relationship with God.

Not only is it not salvation, it is **not** baptism. Baptism is the public profession of faith as described above. Once a child is old enough to make a decision to accept Christ as their personal Savior, then they can make the choice to be baptized.

### **What Child Dedication is:**

It is asking God to be with you as you parent your child and raise them according to God's Word. It is setting them apart for His plans for their life.

- 1) Presenting them back to God - We are stewards**
- 2) Praising God for them - We are saying thank you**
- 3) Prophesying a Biblical Future - We are speaking to their purpose**
- 4) Passing on a generational blessing - We are sure of God's blessing**

### **Responsibilities:**

Some of the responsibilities the Lord has entrusted to parents include:

- 1) Continuously praying** for their children (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

**Duet. 6:4-9 "Hear, Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! 5 And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. 7 And you shall repeat them diligently to your sons and speak of them when you sit in your house,**

when you walk on the road, when you lie down, and when you get up. 8 You shall also tie them as a sign to your hand, and they shall be as frontlets on your forehead. 9 You shall also write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

**2) Instructing** them in the way of the Lord (Proverbs 22:6)

**Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he grows older he will not abandon it.**

**3) Setting a godly example** (Deuteronomy 11:19)

**Deut 11:19** You shall also teach them to your sons, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk along the road, when you lie down, and when you get up.

**4) Disciplining** them as the Lord would discipline us (Proverbs 29:15, 17; 13:24).

**Proverbs 29:15 - The rod and a rebuke give wisdom, But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.**

**Proverbs 29:17 - Correct your son, and he will give you comfort; He will also delight your soul.**