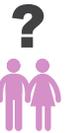




CAN A SINGLE PARENT PARTICIPATE IN A DEDICATION SERVICE?

Yes! Child dedication signifies the commitment of parents (including single parents) to do their best to raise their child to be a follower of Christ.



CAN PARENT(S) ASSIGN GOD PARENTS?

Although the term “godparent” is not used at Beulah, we do welcome parents to invite friends and family members committed to supporting them to stand with them during the dedication. The presence of these significant adults symbolizes their commitment to play a supportive role in the child’s spiritual development.



REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD DEDICATION

Applications for child dedication, including returning families, must be submitted 1-month prior to the Dedication Weekend. All first-time families must attend the Parent-Child Dedication Workshop. For registration, upcoming dates for workshops and child dedication services, please visit our website: www.beulah.ca/kids.



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PARENT CHILD DEDICATION



Beulah Alliance Church believes children are a gift from God and we are excited that you are investigating child dedication.

Child dedication is a public commitment you make before God, your church, and your family. The dedication service provides you, the parent(s), the opportunity to express publically your desire to lead and spiritually nurture your child in cooperation with the Holy Spirit, so your child will develop a desire to love God and love others.



WHAT IS THE BIBLICAL PURPOSE FOR CHILD DEDICATION?

The scriptural root of a child dedication is found in 1 Samuel 1:27–28 (NASB), where a godly woman named Hannah prayed year after year for God to give her a child. He answered her prayer and she gave birth to a son, whom she named Samuel. When Samuel was born, Hannah prayed these words:



For this boy I prayed, and the Lord has given me my petition which I asked of Him. So I have also dedicated him to the Lord; as long as he lives he is dedicated to the Lord.



In Luke chapter 2 of the New Testament, following the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph took the infant Jesus to the temple and dedicated Him.

In both Scripture passages, the parents entrusted their child completely to God. One key step in marking your desire to nurture your child in the ways of God is to dedicate him or her to God publically, through a child dedication ceremony.



DO I NEED TO BE A BEULAH MEMBER TO HAVE MY CHILD DEDICATED HERE?



You do not need to be a member to have your child dedicated in a public ceremony at Beulah. We do encourage parents to make sure they are calling Beulah their home church. Why? In dedicating your child to God, you are stating that you are willing to partner with God and the church to raise your child in cooperation with God's intentions.



WHAT CAN I EXPECT DURING A CHILD DEDICATION CEREMONY?



During the dedication service, parents express vows before God, their family, and the church, declaring their desire to raise their child in a God-honouring way. Because parents are the key role models for their children, they play a primary role in the dedication service.



DOES BEULAH BAPTIZE INFANTS?



No. Scripture provides evidence that baptism follows an individual's decision to trust Christ alone for salvation (Acts 2:41, 8:12, and 10:47–48) and the New Testament records the baptisms of adult believers only.



AT WHAT AGE CAN A CHILD TAKE PART IN A DEDICATION SERVICE?



While Beulah does not have a set age requirement for child dedication, the average age for a child to be dedicated is four to eight months old, although many parents dedicate children younger and much older than that, often for the following reasons:

- *The parent(s) are new believers in Christ and their children were not dedicated when they were infants.*
- *The parent(s) are having a younger child dedicated and want to have their older child dedicated at the same time.*