

# How Can I Register For the Parent-Child Dedication Service?

Please fill out the form below or online (<https://rbbc.smartevents.com/parent-and-child-dedication-service>) and either drop it in the offering plate or submit it to the church office.

Parents' Names:

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Child's Name: *(as you would like it to appear on the dedication certificate):*

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Child's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of RBBC? Y N

If 'no' are you currently enrolled in the RBBC membership class? Y N

Dedication Service you would like to register for: *(Please check one)*

January 26 Service \_\_\_\_

May 11 Service \_\_\_\_

Have you taken the Parent-Child Dedication class before? Y N

Do You Have Any Questions?

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## The Parent-Child Dedication Class Overview

### Session 1-

Biblical Parenting; Understanding the Bible's High Calling on Parents

### Session 2-

The Role of the Church in Biblical Parenting; Defining the Relationship between the Church and the Family

### Session 3-

Nurturing Faith in Very Young Children; Practical Biblical Methods for Cultivating Faith in Children 0-2 Years Old

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*"Behold,  
children are a  
gift of the  
Lord, the fruit  
of the womb  
is a reward."*

*Psalms 127:3*

One of God's greatest gifts is the gift of children. Few joys in this life compare with the joy that parents are privileged to experience in raising a family. Yet with this joy comes one of life's most weighty callings. Children are more than just a gift, they are a stewardship. God has created us to display His glory to us for our joy. This is true of our children as well! And the primary means God has ordained in displaying His glory to children is parents. Therefore, parenthood above anything else is discipleship, and every parent is called by God to be the primary discipler of their children.

Parent-child dedications take place at Rocky Bayou Baptist Church in response to this tremendous role assigned to parents. Each dedication service consists of parents publicly acknowledging their God-given responsibility and covenanting before God and their church family to faithfully fulfill this calling with God's help.

### **During the dedication parents are asked to covenant to:**

- *Faithfully embrace their calling as the primary disciplers of their children.*
- *Grow in trusting, loving, and following the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- *Consistently share the Gospel message with their children through both words and actions.*

Parent-child dedications also include a covenanting between the RBBC church family and parents. Parents are called to be the primary disciplers of their children, not the sole disciplers. For that reason, during the dedication ceremony the church family of RBBC likewise covenants to encourage parents to faithfully fulfill their calling to disciple their children through prayer, loving support, equipping ministry, and admonishment.

### **In his 3<sup>rd</sup> Epistle the Apostle John states:**

*"I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth." 3 John 1:4 NASB*

**Truly this is the great passion of parenthood, a passion that we at RBBC express publicly through parent-child dedications.**

**If you are interested in dedicating your child at RBBC please review the requirements for the parent-child dedication service and register for the next upcoming dedication service.**

## **When are Parent-Child Dedications Held?**

RBBC typically holds two dedication services a year, one on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday in January and the other on Mother's Day in May.



## **What is Required to Participate in the Parent-Child Dedication Service?**

Parents must be members of RBBC or in the process of joining. During the dedication service the RBBC family is asked to covenant with parents in the discipling of their children. We believe this kind of covenant requires the commitment of parents to this local body of believers.

- Parents must attend the Parent-Child Dedication class typically held the Saturday morning before the dedication from 10 AM- 12 PM.