

Intentional FAITHMAP Plan

Child's Name: _____

How will you be intentional this next year?

- ☐ Pray daily for and with my child.
- ☐ Consistently spend time in God's Word.
- ☐ Attend church regularly.
- ☐ _____

The next step on the **FAITHMAP** is *Blessing*, recommended at age three. We will offer a free *Blessing* kit to guide you. Request the *Blessing* kit through the Family Life Office at the Oaks Location.

Scripture Verses

- Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- Proverbs 22:6
- Proverbs 17:6
- Psalm 127:3
- Luke 2:22

Recommended Resources

My Faith Box by Lydia Randall from myfaithbox.org

Complete Guide to Baby and Child Care Focus on the Family

Child Care by Paul C. Weisser

The Ministry of Motherhood by Sally Clarkson

Power of a Praying Parent by Stormie Omartian

<http://bible.org/article/baby-dedication>

Recommended resources are available for checkout in The Chapel Family Life Ministries office at The Chapel in the Oaks Location.

Family Life Ministries

Family Life Parenting – thechapelbr.com/parents

Treasure Kingdom Children – thechapelbr.com/children

Ignite Youth – thechapelbr.com/youth

Kids Hope USA – thechapelbr.com/kidshope



*Commit to Raise Your
Child in a God-Honoring Home*

Congratulations! If you are reading this, your family was recently blessed with a new baby. As a church, we are excited to partner with you as you begin this incredible journey with your child.

What is Parent/Child Dedication?

Parent/Child Dedication is a special time during the worship service in which you make a formal commitment to raise your child in a Christ-centered home. During the service you will be asked to make a public pledge before the congregation that you will raise your child to know, love and follow Jesus Christ. We see several examples in the Bible such as I Samuel 1:24-2:10 when Hannah dedicated Samuel at the temple and Luke 2 where Mary and Joseph dedicated Jesus. God designed the home as the primary place for faith to be nurtured. The Chapel seeks to partner with you by providing resources throughout your child's spiritual journey called the **FAITHMAP**. Parent/Child dedication is the first marker.

The Parent's Commitment

Parent/Child Dedication is *your* commitment to model, teach and reinforce the Christian Faith. It should not be confused with *your child's* personal choice to follow Christ. We believe the Bible clearly teaches that each person must decide for themselves to trust in Jesus Christ as both Savior and Lord (Romans 10:9-10). The age a child is ready to make this personal decision will vary depending on the child. Your child's age when making this decision will vary depending on the child.

The Church's Commitment

Parent child dedication is also a time for the church to commit to walk alongside you as you point your child toward Christ. You will receive the **FAITHMAP** strategy, a step-by-step plan to help you be intentional as you prepare your key faith markers.

Parent/Child Dedication Steps

1. Sign up for at thechapelbr.com/dedication
2. Attend a Parent/Child Dedication Orientation Class.
3. Fill out your Family **FAITHMAP** Plan.
4. Participate in an upcoming Parent/Child Dedication service.
5. Celebrate this special occasion with family and friends.

Parent/Child Dedication Celebration Ideas

Ideas for making dedication a special time include...

- Have a dinner or celebration time with family and friends before/after the service.
- Invite family members and special family friends to write blessings to your child.
- Record a video message for your child to view in the future. Speak words of affirmation, sharing how you are praying for their spiritual journey and how you desire to point them toward Christ. (*Examples are available* for you to watch on the video included with this kit.)
- Write a letter expressing your thoughts to your child.