

Intentional Faith Path Plan

Child's Name: _____

How will you be intentional this next year?

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

The next step on the Faith Path is *Blessing*, recommended at age three. We will offer a free *Blessing* kit to guide you. Pick up the *Blessing* kit at the **@home Center**.

Recommended Resources

Complete Guide to Baby and Child Care (by Focus on the Family)

Power of a Praying Parent (by Stormie Omartian)

Spiritual Parenting (by Michelle Anthony)

Brooklife @Home

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or in person at the **@home Center** located
in the Brooklife Church Lobby



FAITH PATH

Child Dedication

Raising Your Child to Know God

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 Child Dedication?

Child Dedication is a special time during a weekend service in which you make a formal commitment to raise your child in a Christ-centered home. 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. During the weekend services 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. God designed the home as the primary place for faith to be nurtured. One way that we seek to partner with you is by providing resources throughout your child's spiritual journey. We call this the Faith Path. Child Dedication is the first step.

The Parent's Commitment

Child Dedication is an intentional commitment by parents to follow God. None of us will be perfect parents but we can commit to raising our child in a home where God is at the center. Dedication recognizes that as parents we will model God's love to our children. 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.

The Church's Commitment

Child Dedication is also a time for the church to commit to walk alongside you as you point your child toward Christ. ***My Faith Box*** is used to provide ideas each step of the way, from birth to age eighteen. It is also a place for keepsake items from your child's spiritual journey. (You can create your own ***Faith Box*** or they can be purchased at the Elmbrook Church Bookstore)

Parent Dedication Steps

1. Sign up for Child Dedication at brooklife.org/athome.
2. Attend the Child Dedication classes.
3. Participate in the Child Dedication Ceremony.

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 weekend service.
- Invite family members and special family friends to write blessings to your child to put in their ***My Faith Box***. Make sure that you write one too!
- 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. Put the video in your child's ***My Faith Box***.