

### *What will take place during the dedication?*

The pastor will explain to the congregation why we believe in dedicating children. Parents who have arranged to take part in the ceremony will be called by name to bring their children to the platform. They will listen to the following pledges and respond as directed.

Will you this day pledge yourselves before Almighty God and in the presence of these witnesses to study and understand God's commands and principles of child raising contained in His Holy Word?

Will you continue to love each other and the child God has given you so that the child will experience the meaning of trust and grace?

Will you endeavor to provide a Christian home and atmosphere for your child? Will you teach your child in the Christian faith and way and surround your child with Christian influences through the church and other relationships, and encourage your child to faith in Jesus Christ?

Will you promise to call for other believers to assist you in praying for, training, and encouraging this child to follow God, wholeheartedly?

Following the parents' responses, the congregation will then be asked to pledge its support and assistance for both the parents and the child.



# Dedicating Children

## at Grantham Brethren in Christ Church



### Questions and Answers

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*What do we believe about dedicating children?*

- We believe it is quite proper for Christian parents to dedicate children to the Lord.
- We do not believe the Scriptures instruct us to baptize children who are not old enough to make a willful profession of Jesus as Savior.
- As you will see from the dedication pledges contained later in this brochure, dedication can only be properly done by parents who are Christians. However, a “Service of Thanksgiving and Blessing” is available for parents who are not Christian. This service will give thanks for the life of a new child and will pray for God’s blessing upon the child.

*Why are children dedicated to the Lord?*

- The act of publicly dedicating children is an encouragement to the parents and the entire church. The promises are made by the parents before the congregation. The congregation agrees to accept responsibility to help the parents raise the children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

*How often are children dedicated at Grantham?*

- Usually a child dedication is held several times a year. It is part of the regular Sunday morning worship services.

*Is membership at Grantham Brethren in Christ required in order to participate?*

- No.

*What steps are taken for participation?*

- Complete the attached form and put in Prayer Box, give to a pastor, or leave in church office. You will be notified with the date of the next dedication.



Child’s Full Name	
Male/Female	Birthday
Place of Birth	
Parent’s Names	
Address	
Phone Number	
Which dedication service will you attend?	
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 a.m.	
<input type="checkbox"/> 11:15 a.m.	
Please return this form to the Grantham Church office.	

