

Calvary's Statement on Family Dedication

Hello parents/guardians,

We are thankful that you have chosen to learn more about the Calvary Kids Family Dedication Celebration. Before participating in our celebration, we want you to understand what we believe about Family Dedication and to answer any questions you may have about it.

What is Calvary Kids Family Dedication Celebration?

The Calvary Kids Family Dedication Celebration is all about the parents...about their personal relationship with God and their desire to share God's love with their child. At Calvary Kids, we believe that no one has a greater potential to influence a child's spiritual development more than parents do. We get this idea from Deuteronomy 6:5-7. It says we are to love God with all of our heart, soul, and strength, and then, we are to share these truths with our children when they are at home, when they are out and about, when they go to bed at night, and when they get up in the morning. The Family Dedication Celebration gives parents the opportunity to publically commit in front of family and friends to living out these verses by loving God personally, and by living in a way that will point their children to Jesus and his gospel no matter where they are or what they are doing.

Family Dedication is not the same as infant baptism, and it does not guarantee your child's salvation. Family Dedication is a church tradition developed to celebrate the family, and in particular, the birth or adoption of a child.

What is required of me if I want to be a part of the next Family Dedication Celebration?

- Be committed followers of Jesus, living your lives daily for him
- Desire to be the primary spiritual leader in your child's life
- Attend Calvary Church on a consistent basis (at least twice a month on average)
- Fill out the online registration form (Calvary app under FAMILY/KIDS)
- Schedule an interview with one of our Calvary Kids team members (if this is your first time dedicating at Calvary Church)
- Submit requested materials prior to the celebration

Whom can I invite to the Family Dedication Celebration?

You are free to invite anyone you like, but we encourage you to invite the friends and family that are closest to you and that will support you as parents and as the primary spiritual leader in your child's life. This may include grandparents, step-parents, close friends of the family, brothers or sisters of the parents, etc.

We are excited to partner with you for Family Dedication! If you have any other questions, email us at kids@calvary-church.com.

Thanks,

The Calvary Kids Team