

Family name: _____

Father's name: _____ Mother's name: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Child's full name: _____

Gender: M F Child's birth date (d/m/y): _____

Names of Siblings	Ages

Meaning of child's name: _____

In Luke 1:66 the question is posed, "What then will this child be?" In light of that, what are your hopes and dreams for your child as you raise them in a Christ-centred home?

Why is it important that you make a commitment before the church to raise your child up to become a lifelong follower of Jesus Christ?

What verse would you like to have read to the church? This verse may pertain to your child's name and would express your desire for them to live for Jesus Christ?

How long have you been attending Harvest? _____

Who are your small group leaders? _____

Please answer the following questions:

Is it your intention to raise your child in the ways of Jesus Christ? _____

Are you willing to be held accountable by the elders of this church and your church family at Harvest? _____

Do you recognize that you can do none of this apart from Christ and acknowledge today your complete dependence on him? _____

Father's brief testimony:

Mother's brief testimony:

What dedication is:

Harvest Bible Chapel encourages parents to publicly dedicate their children to the Lord. In dedicating their child, the parents acknowledge the child as a gift from God, vow before him and the congregation to set a godly example for the child, and ask the congregation to prayerfully support their family.

A child dedication service is actually a parent commitment service. It is a promise by parents to offer their child (usually in infancy) to the Lord and to dedicate themselves to the rearing of the child for the glory of God.

As parents we cannot decide our child's salvation for them. Each person must make their own decision about their relationship with Christ. When a child becomes old enough to understand the concept of sin and their responsibility for that sin before God, they are then ready to make a decision about salvation.

What dedication is not:

This dedication is not a baptism. It is not a sacrament. It does not impart salvation to the child.

Parents can, however, lay a foundation by their teaching and example that helps a child to be ready to make that decision when the time comes.

What to expect during a child dedication service:

We now have a separate service on Sunday afternoon dedicated to this special occasion. Please invite your small group, friends, and relatives. We will serve refreshments after the service and have a time of fellowship.

We will begin our time together with worship and there will be a short message. The Children's Director will invite all of the families participating to come to the front in groups. The Children's Director will introduce each child and family separately, and then you will publicly answer the above questions. A pastor will then pray for your child and family. You will receive a certificate of dedication as a reminder of this special day, as well as a letter addressed to your child that they can open on their twelfth birthday.

Please return this completed form to Jeannie (jcoros@harvestbarrie.ca) at least one week prior to the child dedication. Thank you!