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# PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION GUIDELINES

(as affirmed by Pastors & Deacons of Clifford Baptist Church)

A Parent/Child Dedication Service will be conducted during worship service on selected Sundays during the year. We would like to invite parents and families to prayerfully consider presenting their children to the Lord. As you decide about your participation in this sacred moment in your family's life, please consider these important points which are emphasized in the dedication:

Presenting a child to the Lord is an act of holiness for both the child and the parents. If a child is to be raised under God's love in the home, parents MUST be committed to a Godly life. To honor the Lord and follow the clear direction of His Word, marriage is a necessity for parents bringing their children for dedication. Each day, parents should be seeking the Lord's guidance in how to model Jesus to their children through their own life of faith. The principle way a child learns to know Jesus is by seeing the Lord exemplified in his/her parents.

Regular and long-term participation in worship is a reasonable expectation for Christian families. If a young child is dedicated to the Lord in this service, the family will desire to raise their son or daughter in conjunction with the ministries of the church. A part of the dedication service will involve asking the congregation if they will assist the parents in bringing up their child in the Lord. Parents are urged to bring their children to church throughout their years of growth, so that families will be centered in the Lord, benefit from relationships with other Christians, and children will consistently learn the truths of the Bible. Church involvement is indispensable!

In some cases, a single parent or legal guardians will desire to dedicate their child to the Lord. We will certainly encourage participation in the service if those involved want to honor and follow the Lord in providing a solid Christian example for a child. Co-habitation without marriage, under the guidance of the Bible, does not provide a Godly model for the home.

The key to the entire dedication process is to bring up Christian young people, beginning at an early age, by providing a holy example for them to follow. If dedicating our children to the Lord is to be meaningful, parents/guardians must be committed to God's Word, God's worship, and Godly lifestyles in order to raise Godly children.

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**PLEASE SUBMIT THE BOTTOM OF THIS FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE**

We, agree with the above guidelines and would I like to be included in the next child dedication service.

Signature of Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

**FULL** name of child as it is to appear on the dedication certificate:

PRINT \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_