**WHAT?** We dedicate our children to God as a sign of our commitment to train and raise them in his ways. When you dedicate your child, you are affirming that God has given your children to you as a gift. You are also asking our church to support you as you're involved in taking next steps in raising your children. It's a time to celebrate and invite others who will be with you as you raise your child!

**WHY?** A public, formal commitment adds significance to the act. In the future when life gets hectic, parents can look back and remember the promise they made to God to train their children in His ways. Journey Kids provides support, but parents are ultimately the biggest spiritual influence in the life of their child. At The Journey we want to support parents to take it beyond just the one hour we have with them on Sundays.

**WHEN?** We will have one dedication in the summer and one in the winter. Fill out and mail in the attached form and we will contact you when dates are set.

**WHAT IT IS NOT:** This dedication is not a baptism. It does not guarantee that your child will be a follower of Jesus.

### Here's a quick glance at what your next steps are in dedicating your child.

### **NEXT STEPS BREAKOUT - REQUIRED**

We are providing a Next Steps Breakout Session for Child Dedication. We will talk about what happens before, during, and after Child Dedication. We want this to be a meaningful time where you not only understand the significance of child dedication, but also a time that helps you to take a next step in the process of raising your kids.

### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

There will be one afternoon set aside for the breakout session. Set aside one hour to attend after the 11am service, and enjoy lunch on us!

### **SUNDAY MORNING EVENT**

The Child Dedication event will take place during your choice of either the 9:30 or 11:00 Sunday gathering. This allows the event to be a public and meaningful experience for your family and The Journey as a whole. You can communicate your time preference during the Parent Breakout Session.

### **HOW WILL I FIND OUT MORE INFO?**

If you have more questions, please email admin@thejourneycc.com Attn: Child Dedication. We will keep you informed by email/phone as the breakouts and dedication dates come closer. You'll also receive more info the night you attend the breakout session.

# **Child Dedication**



The Journey
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## Child Dedication Information

Please fill out and mail this form to: **The Journey**6520 Schamber Dr
Muskegon, MI 49444

You can also drop in the connect card box

### More than one child?

Please attach a piece of paper with their names and ages.

Name:
D.O.B:
Mother:
Father:
Home address:
Phone(s):
Email Address:

Interested in more information?
Please email us!
admin@thejourneycc.com

At The Journey, we want to walk alongside families and encourage you to take steps closer to God. What does that look like for your family? How does that work? Well, we're excited to tell you that you're on your way! Come to the Child Dedication Breakout and learn more about the next steps you can be taking in your family and in the life of your child to raise them to be followers of Jesus.

Once you have the date of the dedication, invite friends and family and let everyone know that it's your desire to raise your kids in a loving, God-filled home.

**We all mess up,** but you'll remember the day that you promised to follow God and lead your children to do the same. It's an exciting time and we look forward to partnering with you in these steps and years to follow.

Fill out the form to the left and get started!







"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them upon your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

**Deuteronomy 6:6-7**