



Child Baptism and Child Dedication Covenant

Covenant: a solemn promise that brings about a relationship of commitment between God and God's people

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.
(Mark 10:13-16)

The most important social influence in shaping young people's faith is the faith modeled and taught to them by their parents. Parents are more significant influences on their children's faith than church staff, children/youth ministries, camps, friends, teachers or any other relatives.

We covenant before God and the people of Riverside Covenant Church that:

1. We believe that _____ is a gift from God and that God will use _____ to teach us about the kingdom of God. We also believe _____ was created in the image of God and has been given particular gifts and talents that are intended for him/her to use for the Glory of God.
(Psalm 127:3, Mark 10:14, Genesis 1:27, 1 Peter 4:10, 1 Corinthians 10:31)
2. We will love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind. And we will love our neighbor as ourselves. We will express these commitments to _____ through our words and actions.
(Matthew 22:37-39, James 2:17)
3. We will commit ourselves to becoming more like Jesus through obedience to God's Word, speaking and listening to God through prayer, engaging in authentic relationships with other believers, and embracing the church's mission to share the Good News of Jesus with others and to serve those in need.
(2 Timothy 3:16-17, Philippians 4:6-7, Hebrews 10:24-25, Matthew 28:19-20, Psalm 82:4, 1 John 1:17-18)
4. We will dedicate ourselves to the Christian nurture of _____, and bring him/her up in the worship and teaching of the church, that he/she may come to know Christ as Savior, be baptized, and follow him as Lord.
(Deuteronomy 11:19, Romans 12:1-2)
5. As for us and our household, we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15)

Parent/Guardian

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Senior Pastor

Date of Covenant