

Child Dedications

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Where can I find event dates, times, and locations for North Way Child Dedications?

A. All information for upcoming Child Dedication events can be found at **northway.org/events**.

Q. How often are there Child Dedication events at North Way?

A. North Way celebrates Child Dedications at all 7 locations in February, October, and May.

Q. Why do we dedicate our children at North Way?

A. Child Dedications are a time for parents to publicly declare their desire to raise their child to know Christ, and to commit to partnering with the church to do so. We find this to be an important milestone in both the parents' and child's life. This milestone can be done at any age.

Q. What can I expect from the Child Dedication event at North Way?

A. The event will include a short message concerning the importance of Child Dedications. It will also include prayer, scripture reading, and an anointing moment for each child being dedicated.

Q. Who from the church will be involved in the event?

A. The Campus Pastor, Kids Director, and elders will all be a part of this event.

Q. Is the Dedication event separate from a church service?

A. The event is separate from a church service. More details will be listed on the specific event's registration page. Each campus does the event slightly differently.

Q. Do Child Dedications include baptism?

A. At North Way we believe in what is known as believer's baptism. This means that individuals do not become baptized until they are old enough to confess their own faith and feel led by the Holy Spirit to make an outward expression of their inner commitment. For children of believing parents, we do what is called a Child Dedication. This is a time for parents to publicly declare their desire to raise their child to know Christ, and to commit to partnering with the church to do so. There is no baptism portion at the Child Dedication event. We do have an anointing moment during the event where a campus specific North Way elder anoints the child. Anointing with oil is symbolized often in the Bible as God's power, presence, healing, and consecration.



Q. Who can I invite to this event?

A. Everyone is welcome! Please invite friends, family, small group members, anyone a part of your community. We encourage you to celebrate this milestone closely with those who will be coming alongside you to raise your child.

Q. What should my child and family wear for dedications?


A. Attire is completely up to you. Children who are being dedicated can wear anything from a nice outfit, something comfortable for them, or a white christening gown. Typically, mothers will wear a nice shirt and dress pants or a dress and fathers will wear a button down and dress pants. Jeans are acceptable as well.

Q. Will there be food at the event?

A. Each location does the event differently. There is food at every event - what they serve will be communicated to you prior upon registration.

Q. Is the event wheelchair accessible?

A. Every North Way location is wheelchair accessible. Please ask about elevator access if needed.



Q. What can I expect after the event from North Way?

A. North Way's Kids and Student Ministries yearn to partner with you as parents. We regularly offer weekly services and programming for kids and students. At North Way Kids through weekend services and events, we strive to create safe environments and engaging opportunities for children to discover who Jesus is and how they can apply Biblical truth to their lives, all while partnering with parents in this journey.

We offer programs for children birth to 5th grade. In addition, at North Way Students, our weekly student gatherings for 6th-12th graders are thoughtfully designed for students to have fun while exploring what it means to know Jesus and live in a way that reflects Him.

Whether in middle school or high school, we're here to promote Christ-centered community for our students. **It is our hope to equip you as families with the right tools to lead your children to know, experience, and follow Jesus.**



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