

PARENT-CHILD DEDICATIONS

WHAT WE BELIEVE THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT PARENTS AND CHILDREN:

Genesis 1:27-28

God created human beings in His image and made us male and female, equal yet different, so that we might bring glory to Him by displaying His goodness in marriage and family life.

Isaiah 53:6a / Romans 6:23a

Each person is born with a sinful nature that causes us to rebel by seeking our own glory and independence from God. As a result, the only thing we deserve is His just anger and judgment.

Ezekiel 36:26 / 1 John 4:10 / Romans 3:23-25a

Only by trusting in the person and work of Jesus Christ alone for salvation is one declared right with God. This means that God regards us as if we have never sinned, credits to us the perfect obedience of Jesus Christ, and forever relates us as His beloved children.

Psalms 127: 3-5

Children are a blessing to parents, and should be nurtured with the gospel so that they might live for the glory of God and the good of their neighbor.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 / Ephesians 6:4

Parents are given the right and responsibility to point the hearts of their children to Jesus Christ, to His Church, and to a lost and unbelieving world. Parents are given the charge to help their children understand who God is, who they are, and the good news of what Jesus has done to rescue them from their sins.

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT THE PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION CEREMONY:

The purpose of the parent-child dedication ceremony is to give moms and dads the opportunity to ask God for His blessing on their children and for help in raising them to love and serve the Lord and others in the presence of the Vintage Church community.

The ceremony is also a way for parents to articulate to the church their intentions to nurture their children in the Christian faith and enter into an accountability relationship with the church body through the commitments that are made by both parties.