

# Child Dedication Application

The Orchard Evangelical Free Church



Child's first, middle and last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Which campus/venue **and** service do you normally attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this the service that you would like to have your child dedicated in?  YES  NO

If not, which service would you like to participate in? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to have your child dedicated? \_\_\_\_\_

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Bible verse to be used in the slideshow that accompanies the dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

We have carefully considered the information sent to us regarding child dedication and desire to be a part of the ceremony. By doing so, we are stating that:

- We understand and agree with the concept of child dedication.
- At least one parent has personally committed our lives to Christ as Savior and we desire to follow Him in how we live.
- We are presently or will soon be fulfilling the parents' pledge.
- We agree to attend Gospel-Centered Parenting (ONLY if this is your first time dedicating a child at The Orchard)

Father's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of The Orchard?  YES  NO

**IF NO**, answer the questions on the following page.

Return your completed application and **email TWO photos** of your child (to be used in the worship service) to your campus:

- Arlington Heights: Michelle Miramonti - [mmiramonti@theorchardefc.org](mailto:mmiramonti@theorchardefc.org)
- Barrington: Marilyn Coe – [mcoe@theorchardefc.org](mailto:mcoe@theorchardefc.org)
- Itasca: Katie Smith – [ksmith@theorchardefc.org](mailto:ksmith@theorchardefc.org)

## FATHER

1. What is the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

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2. When did you put your faith in Jesus Christ?

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3. What gives you confidence of your eternal salvation?

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4. How has Christ changed you?

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**MOTHER**

1. What is the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

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2. When did you put your faith in Jesus Christ?

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# Child Dedication Pledge

**Pastor: Our God is the Source of every good and perfect gift.**

Parents: With great thanksgiving we declare our children to be gifts from God.

**Pastor: Jesus Christ is Sustainer of all life and the Lord of the Universe.**

Parents: Gladly and without reservation, we as parents dedicate our children to the Lord alone.

**Pastor: All of us are sinners by nature and by choice.**

Parents: We will teach our children about sin's power in us and the ways in which we offend God in thought, attitude, word and action.

**Pastor: God's Spirit saves sinners through the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

Parents: We will pray for our children that God will do this marvelous saving work in their lives as we teach our children to rely solely on Christ for forgiveness of sin and victory over its power.

**Pastor: Our God has graciously given us His Word for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in all righteousness.**

Parents: We will teach our children the scriptures and model a love and reverence for God's Word.

**Pastor: Our God uses Christian parents as a powerful influence in the lives of children.**

Parents: We will strive to model Christ's character before our children, humbly recognizing our own need of God's grace and forgiveness.

**Pastor: Our God also uses the local church to nurture and develop the faith of children.**

**Congregation:** We dedicate ourselves, as a church, to teach the gospel and to live in a manner worthy of Christ before these children.