

## Intentional Faith Path Plan

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*How will you be intentional this next year?*

- Pray daily for my child.
- Attend church regularly.
- Consistently spend time in God's Word.
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The next step on the Faith Path is **Blessing**. You will receive an email the month of your child's third birthday to remind you to pick up a free **Blessing** kit from the Faith@Home Center.

### Recommended Resources

*Praying Circles Around Your Children* by Mark Batterson  
*The Ministry of Motherhood* by Sally Clarkson  
*Power of a Praying Parent* by Stormie Omartian  
*Complete Guide to Baby and Child Care* by Focus on the Family

### Norfolk Church of Christ Ministries

Have questions or need assistance? We are here to help!

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#### Faith Path Sunday

From time to time we will offer classes for parents during Sunday morning Bible class time covering the various steps along the Faith Path to help you be intentional in the spiritual growth of your child.



## Parent Dedication

**Commit to Raise Your  
Child in a God-Honoring Home**

Congratulations! If you are reading this, your family was recently blessed with a new baby. As a church, we are excited to partner with you as you begin this incredible journey with your child.

We believe that God designed the home and family as the primary place for faith to be nurtured and for a child to grow spiritually. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says:

These commandments that I give you today are to be **on your heart**. Impress them on 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.

We desire to partner with you in leading your child to Christ. One way in which we seek to do this is by providing resources throughout your child's spiritual journey. We call this the Faith Path and *Parent Dedication* is the first step.

## What is Parent Dedication?

*Parent Dedication* is your commitment to model, teach, and reinforce the Christian Faith. It is your commitment to lead your child through their development and understanding of their own faith.

- **Model** – As in anything else that your child will learn as they grow, modeling is the primary and most impactful means to demonstrate the proper method. To do so, you must first have Christ's teachings on your own heart. Then you should seek to model those teaching through your own behavior, so that you may in whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus. (Colossians 3:16)
- **Teach** – Once you have begun to provide an example of Christ through your own actions, you will have a foundation on which you can discuss your faith and beliefs with your children as they grow, living out the command to *impress them on your children*. (Deuteronomy 6:7)

- **Reinforce** – Teaching these principles just once is not enough. You should reinforce them through continual and intentional discussions, activities, and modeling.

## The Church's Commitment

We as a church commit to walk alongside you as you point your child toward Christ. **Faith Path** was created to help you along each step of your child's spiritual walk by providing practical guidance and resources so that you will have a better understanding of how to fulfill your commitment to **model, teach, and reinforce** the Christian faith in your child. You can request to have a "Parent Dedication" service in which our church will introduce your infant, publicly recognize the commitment you are making, pray a blessing over them, and commit to being there for your family. You can register your child by filling out the included registration card and turning it into the Faith@Home Center.

## Getting Started

- One of the most impactful investments we can make in our children's faith formation is the habit of praying for them on a daily basis. It may be too early to begin in depth faith discussions with your child, but it is never too early to start praying that God will begin his work in shaping their heart. Follow the **Praying For My Child** "Recipe Card" provided in this kit to begin the daily habit of praying for your child.
- Invite family members and special family friends to write blessings to your child. Make sure you write one too!
- Have dinner or celebration time with family and friends and talk about your commitment.
- Record a video message for your child to view in the future. Speak words of affirmation, sharing how you are praying for their spiritual journey and how you desire to point them toward Christ. Store the video away and show them when they are older. Examples are available for you to watch on the DVD included with this kit. You can also write a letter if that works better for you.