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BRCC Child Dedication

The Bible says in Psalm 127 that children are a heritage and blessing from the Lord. God has given Christian parents the tremendous responsibility of raising their children in the ways of the Lord. We are excited that you are accepting this responsibility by choosing to dedicate your child(ren) on June 24, 2012. To dedicate means to "set apart." A dedication service is a public expression that you as Christian parents are willing to do all you can to "set apart" your child for God until that child can make his or her own choice regarding a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. A Blue Ridge Community Church Child Dedication is more than a ritual—it is a commitment you are making to honor the will and Word of God.

In dedicating your child to the Lord, you as parents vow to raise your child in God's ways and not your own. Proverbs 20:25 (NIV) tells us, "It is a trap for a man to dedicate something rashly and only later to consider his vows." For this reason, we are asking that you attend the children's dedication meeting on June 17, 2011, to help you as parents completely understand the vow of dedication you will be making.

Sunday, June 17:

Please plan to attend the dedication meeting at 9:45 am in Conference Room A (inside the Auditorium close to the exit) Before you come, please write "your letter" using the attached guide. Bring it with you to the meeting, and you will sit down with someone to go through it. Also, please bring to the meeting a maximum of five photos of your child (family, etc.). They can be pictures or a CD of pictures. If you are unable to attend this meeting, you will need to wait until the next child dedication service.

Sunday, June 24:

The Child Dedication will start at 3 pm in the main auditorium. Bring the final copy of your letter to your child. You will be reading it during the dedication. Don't forget to invite your family and friends to share in this dedication with you.

If you have any questions, contact Shea Foster at sfoster@blue-ridge.org or 434.525.7481 ext. 115.

Guide for Writing the Letter to Your Child

- Choose a life verse for each child and center your letter around that verse. (A life verse is a verse from the Bible that the child can call their own throughout their life.)
- If you are dedicating more than one child, you can write each a letter, or you can write one letter to all the children.
- State what this dedication means to you, why you are participating, or why it is important to you.
- Include your hopes and dreams for your child in regards to their spiritual growth and that one day they will accept Christ for themselves and live their lives for Jesus.
- State what your plans are as parents for ensuring that your children will be raised in Christ.
- You may include any personal stories that relate.
- Please keep the letter no more than one typed page. Shorter than that is okay.

At the Child Dedication meeting on June 17, 2012, we will review your letter and answer any questions that you have. During the Dedication, you will read the letter aloud.