

A Word from Our Pastor

One of our core values as a church is “to grow healthy families and marriages.” Someone said, “a healthy church is a collection of healthy families.” There is much truth to that.

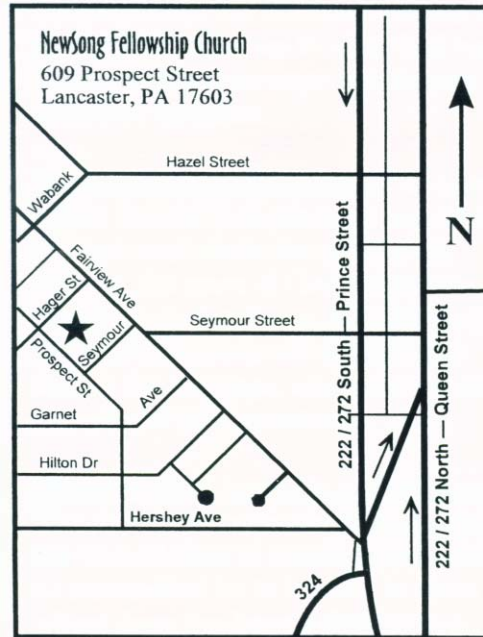
We are dedicated to you, as new parents, to assist you in learning how to disciple and spiritually influence your child. We want to help each man become a godly, effective dad and each woman become a godly, effective mom. Together, as a church and family, your child will have a great opportunity to grow up to love and serve Christ.

Child Dedication is the formal act for parents to declare their intention to commit their child to Christ and commit to do all they can to help them grow in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

Serving Your Family and Christ,

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Child Dedication

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CHILD DEDICATION

As a child, Jesus was brought by Joseph and Mary to the house of the Lord. This was an act of dedication and recognition that He really belonged to God. Throughout His ministry, people brought children to Jesus; and He placed His hands on each of them and blessed them.

Christians are to recognize that everything we have belongs to God. The children that are born to our homes belong to Him as well.

This dedication is not the salvation of the child but is a public expression of the fact that they belong to Him. This “setting apart” is an act *by the parents* prayerfully declaring that this child belongs to God. The parents are to seek to do everything that is in their power, as God gives them wisdom, to see that the child grows up to respect and honor God and to love and serve Jesus. We encourage parents to dedicate their children to the Lord shortly after they are born.

The dedication service is more than a ritual. It is a commitment of parents to honor the will and the Word of God. As a part of this dedication, you as parents are declaring:

1. Your personal faith in Christ and renewing your dedication to Him and His Word.
2. To pray daily for God’s direction in your lives and in the lives of your children.
3. Your faithful participation in the ministries of the Church with your children.
4. To teach your children the truths of God’s Word in your home.
5. To anticipate and seek to lead your children to a personal faith in Christ as soon as they are ready.
6. Your need for NewSong to assist, encourage, and challenge you in the task of parenting.

Teachings of Scriptures

I. *Jesus Christ’s Example*

“And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord.” Luke 2:22

II. *Jesus Christ’s Teaching*

“And they began bringing children to Him, so that He might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, ‘Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all. ‘And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands upon them.’”

Mark 10:13-16

III. *The Example of Hannah and Samuel*

“And she, greatly distressed, prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. And she made a vow and said, ‘O Lord of hosts, if Thou wilt indeed took on the affliction of Thy maid- servant and remember me, and not forget Thy maidservant, but wilt give Thy maidservant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and a razor shall never come to his head.’”

I Samuel 1:10,11

“And she said, ‘Oh, my Lord! As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. For this boy I prayed, and the Lord has given me my petition which I asked of Him. So I have also dedicated him to the Lord; as long as he lives he is dedicated to the Lord.’ And he worshiped the Lord there.” I Samuel 1:26,28

IV. *The Responsibility of Godly Parents*

“And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; and you shall .teach them diligently to your sons and shall Talk of them when you sit in your house And when you walk by the way And when you lie down And when you rise up.” Deuteronomy 6:6,7

“And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4

If you would like to dedicate your children to God, please call the church office at (717) 393-9600 and complete the form at the right.

DEDICATION OF CHILDREN

We have read the Dedication of Children brochure and desire to present our children to God. We agree to be diligent in fulfilling our duties as parents.

Father’s Name (please print) _____

Father’s Signature _____

Mother’s Name (please print) _____

Mother’s Signature _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Requested Date: _____

WE NEED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF DEDICATION

Child’s Full Name (please print) _____

Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____

Hospital of Birth _____

City and State of Birth _____