

Welcome To boomerang**church**



UpComing Events:

Tomorrow	6pm	Community Ladies Gathering
This Sat	10am	Finance & Budgeting Class!
Fri Mar 8th	11am-4pm	Pastor's Lunch Forum-Come Help Serve Local Pastors

Weekly Services:

Wednesdays	6:30pm	LIFE Group- BLUE BAY- Johnny & Holly
Thursdays	6pm	LIFE Group- WEST STANLY- Paul & Jade
Fridays	6:30pm	LIFE Group- NORWOOD- Kendall & Jessica
	9am	FrontLines Prayer
Sundays	10:30am	Worship Service
	5:30pm	ABLAZE Youth! Grades 6-12

Message Today: **Child Dedication Service**

Our Creation & Mission:

Genesis 1:26-31 NASB Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (27) God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. (28) God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (29) Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; (30) and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, *I have given* every green plant for food"; and it was so. (31) God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

God Has Good Plans For All Of Us If We Will Walk With Him

Jeremiah 1:4-5 NASB Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, (5) "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Jeremiah 29:11 NLT For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Children Are A Part of That Plan & Blessing!

Psalms 127:3-5 NASB Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. (4) Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. (5) How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; They will not be ashamed When they speak with their enemies in the gate.

1 Samuel 1:20-28 NASB It came about in due time, after Hannah had conceived, that she gave birth to a son; and she named him Samuel, *saying*, "Because I have asked him of the LORD." (21) Then the man Elkanah went up with all his household to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and *pay* his vow. (22) But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "*I will*

not go up until the child is weaned; then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD and stay there forever." (23) Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you. Remain until you have weaned him; only may the LORD confirm His word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. (24) Now when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with a three-year-old bull and one ephah of flour and a jug of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD in Shiloh, although the child was young. (25) Then they slaughtered the bull, and brought the boy to Eli. (26) She said, "Oh, my lord! As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the LORD. (27) "For this boy I prayed, and the LORD has given me my petition which I asked of Him. (28) "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.

Hannah Rejoices Over Her Child & The Goodness of God!

1 Samuel 2:1-2 NASB Then Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD, My mouth speaks boldly against my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation. (2) "There is no one holy like the LORD, Indeed, there is no one besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God.

The Word to Parents:

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 NLT "Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. (5) And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. (6) And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. (7) Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.

Proverbs 22:6 NASB Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 17:6 NLT Grandchildren are the crowning glory of the aged; parents are the pride of their children.

Ephesians 6:4 NLT Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

You Are Stewards of God's Children

They were made in the image of God before they were made in your image.

Matthew 12:46-50 NLT As Jesus was speaking to the crowd, His mother and brothers stood outside, asking to speak to Him. (47) Someone told Jesus, "Your mother and Your brothers are outside, and they want to speak to You." (48) Jesus asked, "Who is My mother? Who are My brothers?" (49) Then He pointed to His disciples and said, "Look, these are My mother and brothers. (50) Anyone who does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother!"

What Dedication Is

It's not salvation or a guarantee that the child will choose God & His ways.

It is a Correct, Great & Godly Beginning

Luke 2:21-24 NLT Eight days later, when the baby was circumcised, He was named Jesus, the name given Him by the angel even before He was conceived. (22) Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so His parents took Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord. (23) The law of the Lord says, "If a woman's first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the LORD." (24) So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—"either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Then Prophetic Words from Simeon & Anna

A Child Dedication is:

- Worship to God for the gift of children
- Acknowledgement that it is God that gives every good & perfect gift
- Acknowledgement that we are stewards of God's children
- Prophecy over the child that they will fulfill God's plan for their life
- A choice & commitment for the family & friends to raise up a child in Godly thinking & ways