

Family Commitment Sunday Application

Family Commitment Sunday is a time for the church and families to celebrate God's gift of children in a Sunday service. It is a time for parents to publicly commit to their role as the primary faith trainer in their child's life, while the church commits to supporting each family. Family Commitment Sundays will typically be held twice per year. They are open to families with any age children where at least one parent is a member of Greentree.

During a Family Commitment Sunday, we will:

1. Publicly celebrate new children in the life of our church

Children are a gracious gift from God. They are a blessing to celebrate and cherish. In bringing children forward we are publicly acknowledging God's kindness to parents and our church body. We praise and thank God, asking him to save and use each child in a great way to advance the gospel and bring Glory to His name.

2. Commission parents as primary disciple-makers of their children

Scripture commands parents to "raise your children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." Eph. 6:4 Parents are given the task to be primary disciple-makers in their children's lives. Parents are commissioned in front of the church body, inviting their encouragement, prayer, and accountability as they publicly commit themselves to raise their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

3. Commission the church family

Families need the church. Both the family and the church have been given the responsibility of discipling children. Parents need the encouragement, accountability and prayer of the church family in this task. Children need the church to teach them and live as an example of biblical faithfulness. Every member shares these responsibilities.

Please complete the form below and return it to the church office. Upon receipt of the completed form, we will contact you to schedule an appointment with a pastor. Family Commitment Sundays are held two times per year. Please contact our church office for the next available date.

Child(ren's) Name _____

Date(s) of Birth _____

Mother's Name _____ Greentree Member ____yes ____no

Father's Name _____ Greentree Member ____yes ____no

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____ Email _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received: _____

Appointment with Pastor: _____