

Welcome to Confirmation!

Confirmation is such an important stepping stone in our faith journeys! I am excited to be a part of your journey and look forward to exploring the Bible and our faith together.

Here's how it will work: I will be teaching about the Bible, church history and how to grow in faith each day. BUT, I won't be the only one talking! This class is about learning, asking questions and discussing.

Following is some information for you and your parents. Please contact me with any questions!

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### **Purposes of Confirmation Class**

- To be a place where youth can actively explore their faith, wrestle with questions and learn from adults and peers
- To be a place where youth can connect with each other, building bonds through sharing their faith with each other
- To encourage discussions between youth and parents

### **Parental Involvement**

Your guidance during this time of growing in faith is, as always, extremely important. Please take this special time of faith exploration to share your faith with your youth. Talk about your faith journey, share your questions, your times of growth, and ask lots of questions about what your youth is learning or thinking!

### **Attendance**

Because time together is important, no more than 2 absences, please. If a class will be missed, please call Jim

### **Memory work**

*"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you" (Psalm 119:11).* Memory work is how we hide God's word in our heart. When we have scripture committed to memory, it becomes part of who we are. When we run into trouble or a time of decision, for example, the Holy Spirit will guide us by bringing to memory what we've memorized

Each week youth will be given scripture to memorize by the next class. Due dates are listed on the syllabus. Youth will be asked at the beginning of class to write the memory verse. If it would be better for learning styles, youth may recite to Jim before or after class. Youth may also write or recite at home and bring in a note from a parent saying what has been completed.

### **Reflection**

Each week youth will be given a sheet to take home to reflect on what was learned in class. There will be a few questions to answer. Youth also will need to spend some time with parents discussing what is being learned and sharing. There are questions for parents to answer as well. Our goal is to encourage discussions about faith in your home. Turn in homework to Jim.

### **Sermon Reports**

Four sermon reports will need to be completed before the end of the classes. This will help with the discipline of applying teachings to life. Extra sermon reports will be on the large "Pipe Happenings" board in the Pipe or at the Welcome Desk.

### **Personal Statement of Faith**

The statement of faith is an opportunity for the confirmants to articulate in his/her own words what he/she has learned through the confirmation class and what he/she believes. It is a personal faith statement. There are no wrong statements. The statement should be worked on throughout the confirmation class, and will be the focus of attention during the confirmation. The statement is to be at least one page, double spaced and typewritten. The statement will be read by the confirmants during the confirmation banquet and the student will be asked general questions about their statement. It is a very meaningful and rewarding time for the student and the church.

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION: REFLECTION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Class Summary:**

Read over the covenant together and sign it.

### **Scripture Memory Work:**

Genesis 1:1

ALSO, begin memorizing the books of the Bible. You will be quizzed on this (Old Testament and New Testament). But it's a lot! Start now!

### **Family Time Questions**

- Parents, share with your child your "Faith Journey" For example, did you grow up in the church, was there a moment where you just "got it" about why faith is important, what is God teaching you now, how do you grow in your faith now, etc.
  
- Youth, ask your parents why going to Confirmation class is important and write the answer below.
  
- Youth, share with your parents and write below what you hope to get out of Confirmation classes.
  
- Pray together, asking God to lead you all as you begin this new journey together.

For next week: Read Genesis chapter 1. What was created each day?

***If you have any questions about this lesson, please contact Jim and I will try to answer your questions (234-8673, [jpope@fpcf.org](mailto:jpope@fpcf.org))***