

2017 Rite of Confirmation Information

(Spring Parent/Student Meeting)

What is the "Rite of Confirmation?"

The Rite of Confirmation is a public ceremony that will take place during a special worship service on Sunday, October 29. During the service students will be reminded of the promises God has made to them. Likewise, students will make a public affirmation of their baptism and express a commitment to be a disciple of Jesus. This is a significant event in the life of a young person as they publicly acknowledge God's promises of love and forgiveness and verbally confess their faith in Jesus and His saving act of redemption.

➤ *"That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." – Romans 10:9*

Confirmation is not a "graduation" from church; rather it is a commitment to join with God in his work and ministry. The vow students make during this Rite of Confirmation is not to be taken lightly. Parents continue to have a significant responsibility to encourage the faith of their post confirmation child and hold them accountable to their commitment to God.

➤ *"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your heart. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."*
– Deut 6:4-9

Schedule and Dates

- **May 10 @ 7pm** Parent/Student Mtg.
- **August 30 @ 7pm** – Parent/Student Mtg. (Due: Bible Verse Form, Registration form and "Faith Journey Display" project)
- **Sept. 30- Oct. 1** Youth Fall Retreat at Camp Friendship
- **Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9am – 12noon** Confirmation Brunch, Presentations, Pictures & Rehearsal
- **Sunday, Oct. 29 (Time TBD)** Rite of Confirmation Worship Service

Final Written Test

Last week the 8th grade CrossTraining students completed the final confirmation written exam. Students that did not pass are to review the study guide and retake the test sometime during the summer. Retakes can be scheduled directly with Peter Hiller.

Registration and Fees

Registration / Application forms are due **August 30**. The fee to cover the expenses the Rite of Confirmation will be **\$75.00** per student. The fee will cover the cost of gown rental, stoles, flowers, pictures, banquet food, ETC.

Confirmation Bible Verses

Students are to select a confirmation verse that will be shared during the Rite of Confirmation Service. The verse is to express the promises of God for His people. A list of appropriate verses is included on the Bible Verse Selection form. Please complete and return by **August 30**.

Final Project “Faith Journey Display”

The Rite of Confirmation Faith Journey Final Project is due **August 30**. Please do your very best on the project as it will be on display and presented during Confirmation weekend. See the Final Project guideline sheet for directions. Parents are encouraged to work with their students on completing this project.

Other

Power House: 8th grade CrossTraining students are now eligible to attend the Sr. High Youth program at Family of Christ called Powerhouse. Powerhouse meets most Wednesday during the summer from at 6:00 - 8:15pm. Each night students will explore a topic relating to Youth and see what God has to say about it. Of course the night would not be complete with other fun games, food and time to hang out with friends.

Fall Retreat: All Rite of Confirmation students are to attend the Youth Fall Retreat at Camp Friendship near Annandale on September 29 – October 1. During the retreat students will work on some final preparations for the Rite of Confirmation weekend. In additions students will enjoy awesome camp games, low ropes challenges and get to meet some of the older Sr. Youth.

Questions

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