

Why This Retreat

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:5-7

The focus of our summer retreat is unity. We want to see students united with God, united with the church, and united with each other. God is glorified when His people are unified. Through studying God's word we will look at what it means to be united with God through saving faith in Christ and a maturing relationship with Him, and we will look at how believers should live in unity and fellowship with each other. The purpose of unity is God's glory through believers building one another up and, "with one voice," proclaiming the gospel to the lost world around them. In an era when personal preferences, desires, and opinions rule, students need to understand that living as a Christian is not about them but about God's glory. Our prayer is that students will come away from the retreat with a greater love for God, a greater love for each other, and a greater love for the lost. After the retreat we want students to be committed to growing in their love for God through Bible study, prayer, corporate worship, and fellowship with believers. We want to see students living out their love for each other through encouraging one another, praying for one another, teaching one another, and forgiving one another. We want our students to, with one voice, share and live out the gospel in all areas of their life. Through partnering with parents I believe we will be able to see the seeds sown at this retreat germinate in the coming weeks and months as our students are united to each other and the church for God's glory.

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