



2020-21 CONFIRMATION CLASS For 6th & 7th Graders AND their Parents

There is a HUGE need in the lives of students and their families for this Christ-centered opportunity. WE CONSIDER THIS A STRONG INVESTMENT IN THE LIVES OF STUDENTS & PARENTS WHO ATTEND!

The word "confirmation" literally means "to make firm". In Confirmation, the Holy Spirit strengthens ("makes firm") a person in his or her discipleship. Around 6th grade, children are at an age where they have the capacity to reason not only concretely but also abstractly. Because of this we desire to teach them clearly the Essentials of the Christian Faith and God's Church, giving them the opportunity to respond by accepting for themselves the Christian faith. They will also then have the opportunity to officially join Hillside church for themselves, becoming full-fledged members.

Because this is such important and foundational TRUTH, we require the parents to attend this class as well. We do this so that parents can be fully in touch with what we are teaching their children and families can carry on engaging conversations as they live life together at home.

The class incorporates: *(If our building is not open yet, we will continue this critical class through Zoom)*

- Icebreakers, Lectures, Skits, Videos, and Breakout Group Discussions upstairs in The ROCK &/OR on ZOOM
- Those students in person will sit up front together as a class, along with several senior high student leaders. Students at home will interact through Zoom.
- In Person, Parents will sit together around tables, with coffee, hot tea, and water available. Those parents online through Zoom will be able to be in discussions together on Zoom. *(Parents consistently say they LOVE this!)*

Hillside's 2020-21 Confirmation Class Info: *(The use of our building is tentative, based on the extent of the virus)*

- **Registration Required:** Please register online at our website - under Jr High Youth Ministry.
- **Cost is \$35.00** for materials & event costs *(Please let us know if the cost is a problem for you at this time.)*
- **Class will be held in the ROCK &/OR through Zoom each Sunday from 10:45-12:00pm from September 13th through November 22nd** --Not meeting on 9/20 due to the school break
- **Late Night Event: Saturday, Oct. 17th from 5-9:00pm Tentatively at Hillside.** -Students only, Info below.
- **Attendance Requirement:** Cannot miss more than 2 meetings, Late Night event IMPORTANT. If a session is missed, the family can watch it on video together later. We also ask each family to attend or watch the 9:30am worship service to continue or begin the blessing of attending worship as a family.
- **Parent Involvement:** At least one parent, preferably both, needs to attend each class. This truly enables great parent-child discussions and a much deeper and sustainable growth in the students. *(Parents consistently tell us that they LOVE the content & the depth of conversation this provides with their children & with other parents)*
- **Confirmation Service: November 22nd at our 9:30am Contemporary Worship Service.** This is the Sunday before Thanksgiving break. Please try & make sure your school-break plans include this very important service. Thank you!

Special Late Night Event: Saturday night, Tentatively October 17th, from 5-9pm "Going Deeper"

This is a HIGHLY **IMPORTANT** and **VITAL** Event for the students only. This has proven to be a truly pivotal night for the confirmands as they experience an incredibly fun and spiritually rich evening with spiritually grounded Sr. High Students who truly pour into them in an amazingly Christ-centered way. The confirmands have continued to be encouraged and blown away by this powerful experience.

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." 1 Peter 3:15

In Support of Students and their Families,

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