



2021-22 CONFIRMATION CLASS For 6th-8th Graders AND their Parents

This is an incredible opportunity for all Jr High families that have not gone through this together yet. WE CONSIDER THIS A STRONG SPIRITUAL INVESTMENT IN THE LIVES OF STUDENTS & THEIR PARENTS.

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. –Parents have LOVED being a part!

The class incorporates:

- Icebreakers, Lectures, Skits, Videos, and Group Discussions upstairs in The ROCK
- Students will sit up front together as a class, along with several senior high student leaders.
- Parents will sit together around tables, with coffee, hot tea, and water available. *Parents have consistently told us that they LOVE this class because of what they learn, establishing new relationships with other parents and being able to have very good spiritual discussions with their growing children! It's a "Win-Win-Win" opportunity!*

Hillside's 2021-22 Confirmation Class Info:

- **Registration Required:** Please register online at our website - under Jr High Youth Ministry.
- **Cost is \$35.00** for materials & event costs (*If the cost is a problem, then we will work with you in any way.*)
- **Class will be in THE ROCK EACH Sunday from 10:45am-12:15pm from September 12th through November 21st**
- **Late Night Event:** Saturday, Oct. 9th from 5-9:30pm at Hillside. –Only the students attend this, Info below.
- **Attendance Requirement:** Cannot miss more than 2 meetings. FYI: The "Late Night" event is highly IMPORTANT. If a session is missed, the family will be required to watch it on video together before the next class. We also ask each family to attend Hillside's 9:30am worship service together.
- **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 also make LASTING relationships with other parents of Jr High students, which is a super support builder!
- **Confirmation Service:** November 21st at our 9:30am Modern 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, October 9th, from 5-9:30pm "A Look at True Salvation"

This is a HIGHLY **IMPORTANT** and **VITAL** Event for the students. 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. True Life-Change is a result of this powerful night.

"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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