

Dear Graduate Parent(s),

Congratulations! Your child is about to **graduate from high school** and enter the next exciting part of their journey in life. This year Broad Street UMC wants to take time to celebrate, with you, what God has done in the life of your child.

We are going to be **celebrating your child** on **May 7th**. We will be honoring each graduate in our traditional service at 10:45 in the sanctuary. We will meet in the narthex at 10:30 to make sure we're ready for the service because we will be honoring each graduate in the beginning of the service. Each graduate will share their name and tell what they plan to do after graduation. Whether it is college, work, or the military, we want to honor what God is doing in each of our student's lives. Following the service we will have a **Graduate Luncheon Banquet**. The banquet will be held at Cafe Roma at 12:30pm on May 7th, following the church services.

Here is where it gets interesting! We want you to do a couple of things to honor your child. The first thing is that we would like you to **write them a letter**. Tell them how much they mean to you, how much you love them, how proud of them you are, how important their relationship with God is, and anything else you want to tell them. We would like you to frame your letter or put it in something special so they can always hold on to it in the future. This letter will just be between the two of you. This is such a special time to speak words of affirmation over your child. Please make sure to bring the letter with you that day.

The second thing we want you to do is to **get them a gift or trinket that they can keep to remind them of you**. Think creative with this gift and try something unique. It can be something they could keep on their desk or in their car. You will present this to them at the banquet. Lastly we would like you to **email us 5 photos** of your child to be played in a slide show during the banquet. We would like to have one picture of your child as a baby, as a child, as a middle schooler, and two from high school. If you don't have those exact ages it is ok, it's more of a guideline. **Please email your photos to [jarrod@bsumc.org](mailto:jarrod@bsumc.org) by April 24** if you would like to have your child in the slideshow.

This banquet is free for your graduate and parents. For any extra guests the cost is \$25 per person. **Please RSVP by April 24th** with the number of people that will be joining your family for this celebration. **Reservations will not be accepted after April 24.**

Thanks,

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