



Dear Parent,

Around 6th grade something happens to adolescents. I mean other than the smell. They reach the age of accountability.

Throughout the history of the Christian faith, this is a time when students are intentionally taught the basic tenants of our faith: who God is, our need for grace and forgiveness and what a lifetime of discipleship looks like.

Our students at Clearbranch are exposed to the gospel weekly and a lot of them have grown up in the church. But this fall, we are going to be intentional about teaching all of our 6th-12th grade students the foundations of Christian discipleship and give them an opportunity to make their own decision and a public profession of their faith. Students who have not yet received the sacrament of baptism will have that opportunity, and students who have received this sacrament will have the opportunity to remember their baptisms.

Confirmation classes will be held on Sundays from noon until 2:00pm beginning September 11 and ending October 9 and will include a retreat to Camp Sumatanga October 14-15. Confirmation will conclude on Sunday, October 23 with a Confirmation Celebration during morning worship, one of the best Sundays of the year. Feel free to invite family and friends. It will be led by Chase Higginbotham, Clay Farrington and an army of adult mentors and volunteers. If you're interested in helping, please see Chase or Clay.

Confirmation is open to all students in 6th-12th grade who have not been confirmed at Clearbranch or another UMC. You're receiving this letter in hopes your student to join us.

Over the course of Confirmation you can expect your student to learn:

- Who is God?
- Who are we?
- The Problem of Sin & God's Solution
- The Apostle's Creed
- What it means to be saved
- How to live a Christian life

Because we are packing so much into such a short time frame, and because we believe the material is vitally important, we are asking that students who register for confirmation commit to attending all of the sessions as well as the Retreat. If you are unable to make this commitment, please talk to Clay about other options.

Sign-up will begin August 28th.

There will be a Parent Informational Meeting and Mentor Training September 11 coinciding with the first Confirmation gathering.

If you have questions, would like more information or can help, please contact:

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