

8th Grade Confirmation

Capstone Experiences

3G Project

This project will include some really great parents, godparents, and grandparents (or really any family members and family friends that were present and remember your baptism). You will interview various people that were there for your baptism, and learn about their faith journey since that day. You will need to come up with a questionnaire sheet and which people you will interview. You should interview at least five different people. Turn in these interviews with an art or word project that reflects upon the prevalent themes you hear through these interviews.

Some questions you may ask for the 3G project:

- Describe to me in your own words the day I was baptized. What was the ceremony like? Did we celebrate? What role did you play?
- What is your favorite memory from the day I was baptized? Why is that your favorite memory?
- Do you currently have a faith community? If so, what role do you play in the life of that community? If not, why not?
- Share with me a really important moment in your faith journey since my own baptism? How has that moment shaped you?
- What is something you would like me to know about the Christian faith, and my journey into adulthood in the life of the church?
- Create your own questions too! Have fun catching up with people, and remember to invite them to your confirmation day on May 15th.

Ideally, you should try to complete this project over Thanksgiving or Christmas break as you will have more free time and an abundance of opportunities to talk with family during that time. This project is due no later than January 15th.

Faith Talk

How will you continue to learn, serve, and share your faith in your church community? Confirmation is not an end of the journey, but rather just a beginning. During the month of February, we would like for you to make some time to talk with one of the pastors about how you will continue this faith journey as well as recap your confirmation experience. This will also be a great time to talk about some things you learned from your 3G Project as family will continue to play an important role in your faith. Sign-up information will be available shortly after Christmas break.

Affirmation of Baptism

On Sunday, May 7th, students in 8th grade will finish their confirmation experience by leading the 11:00AM service. Prior to this service, students will be working on putting the service together while working with the pastors, music director, and youth director. Students will be doing everything from prayers to readings, sermons, and whatever creative components they wish to add to this youthful worship. This would be a great service to invite godparents, friends, and family to attend.

Summer Mission Trip

The absolute best way to guarantee that your student continues to participate in the life of the church during high school is to have them go on a mission trip this summer. Spending a week with their peers in high school helps students feel more attached to the group and is a wonderful bonding experience. Not only that, it is a great way to experience our faith in action through service to our neighbors wherever we may be going during the summer of 2017.