

Hello Parents of Middle and High School Students!

It's hard to believe that the Christmas season is already upon us and the end of the year is approaching fast! We have much to celebrate when it comes to how God has been at work in our student ministry. Just this past fall, our student ministry has been able to minister to 134 different students across all events and programs. At last Sunday's Highlight Christmas Party, we had 82 total attendees join us and we saw 5 first-time invited guests! In the rest of this letter, you will find everything you need to know related to Student Ministry in the month of December.

### **Student Equip on Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am**

Our final Highlight of the year was this past Sunday, but we still have two more opportunities to gather as a group this month. The next two Sunday mornings, December 10 and December 17, we will be meeting upstairs for Student Equip at 9:00 am.

At Student Equip this December, we are currently in an Advent study. We are looking at different Old Testament passages that point forward to the coming hope found in Jesus Christ. We hope to see your student there!

### **Two Opportunities to Serve this Christmas Season**

The Christian faith is more than just sitting and consuming, we need to put our faith and love into action. This December, we have two opportunities for your student to serve others. Slots are limited so act fast!

The first opportunity I wanted to make you aware of is the **Christmas Spectacular** that is taking place this Sunday, December 10 from 3:00-5:30 pm. We are encouraging all students to serve at this event. Opportunities include monitoring inflatable slides and obstacle courses, ushering kids and families for the kids show, trash patrol, clean up team, and more!

[To sign up to serve at the Christmas Spectacular, click here!](#)

The second opportunity for students to serve this month will take place on Wednesday, December 20 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at **Western Fairfax Christian Ministries** (WFCM).

For those who may not be familiar with WFCM, this ministry seeks to provide food and financial support to those at risk of hunger and homelessness. Around the holidays, they need help reorganizing their warehouse and checking expiration dates on food donations. Our student ministry is excited to serve! We have 10 slots available to serve (first-come first-serve basis) and WFCM has asked that volunteers be at least 14 years old and come wearing closed-toe shoes. For more details, check out the link below.

[To sign up to serve at WFCM, click here! \(Only 10 spots available\)](#)

### **Christmas Eve at CBC**

There will be no Student Ministry programming on December 24 (Christmas Eve). However, we look forward to celebrating the Christmas holiday together as a church family. CBC will

host a 10:30 am Sunday morning worship service that day, as well as a candlelight Christmas Eve service later that night at 5:00 pm. See you there!

### Looking Ahead to 2024

Our student ministry programming slows down around Christmas, but we have lots in store for 2024. January 14 is a big date to circle on your calendars. This is the day that both Student Equip and Highlight will relaunch in the new year. We will kick the new year off with a study through Donald Whitney's book *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* at Student Equip on Sunday mornings. In the winter/spring semester at Highlight, we will start a new series studying John 13-17, Jesus' Upper Room Discourse with the disciples.

It has been such a joy to see the Lord at work this year. Parents, enjoy a Merry Christmas with family and loved ones. Never hesitate to reach out if there is any way in which I can be praying for you.

By God's grace and for his glory!

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