

Dear Parents of Middle and High School Students,

In this month's Parent Letter, you'll find details about two upcoming parent events, the November schedule for both *Student Equip* and *Highlight*, exciting news about a Winter Retreat, and a few recommended resources for you to check out. Thank you for taking the time to stay connected!

Two Upcoming Parent Events!

Parents, don't miss these upcoming opportunities to learn and grow alongside your student.

This Sunday, **November 9**, is **Parent Night at Highlight!** You're invited to attend Highlight with your teenager for a special lesson on *Navigating Friendships*. The evening will begin at **6:30 PM** with a Coffee, Cookies, & Conversation Corner for parents to connect and talk with one another. At 6:45 PM, we'll head into the chapel for a few announcements and a fun icebreaker game that will help you get to know some of the adult leaders who serve in our student ministry. The night will conclude with a lesson for both parents and students on the topic of friendship, followed by a time for Q&A. We hope to see you there!

Then, on **December 7 at 9:00 AM**, I'll be teaching our first-ever **Family Equip Class** on *Discipleship in the Home*. This class will explore what family worship can look like in different stages of life and offer practical ideas for growing in faith together. Kids in first grade and up are welcome to attend this Equip Class alongside their parents. You can register to attend by using [this link here](#).

Student Equip November Schedule

This past Sunday, we wrapped up our four-week study on **Human Identity**, exploring questions such as what it means to be made in the image of God, what it means to be created male and female, how sin has corrupted our nature, and what it means to be made body and soul. In November, we will begin a new study called **Ask Anything**. Students are encouraged to submit any question they have about the Bible, theology, or Christian living, and we will answer these questions during Sunday mornings throughout the month. If a student would like to submit a question, they can do so using [this link here](#).

Here's what the next several Sunday mornings will look like:

- **November 9** - Combined with Adult Equip (Guest Teacher: Welton Bonner)
- **November 16** - Ask Anything (Session 1)
- **November 23** - Ask Anything (Session 2)
- **November 30** - Ask Anything (Session 3)

Highlight November Schedule

On Sunday nights at **Highlight**, we are continuing our journey through the **Sermon on the Mount** in Matthew 5-7. As we approach the end of the semester and this study, here are some important dates to keep in mind:

- **November 9** - Parent Night at Highlight (*Navigating Friendships*)
- **November 16** - Highlight (*Matthew 7:13-29*)
- **November 23** - No Highlight Gathering (Thanksgiving Prayer Service)
- **November 30** - No Highlight Gathering (Thanksgiving Break)
- **December 7** - Christmas Highlight!

Winter Retreat (Save the Date!)

I have some exciting news to share! This February, our Student Ministry will be taking a **Winter Retreat** together. From **February 6-8**, our students will travel to Pine Creek Retreat Center in Gore, VA, for a time of studying God's Word and building deeper friendships with one another. We plan to gather at the church on Friday night to load the buses, stay two nights at the retreat center, and return early Sunday morning in time for church together. More details and a registration link will be shared soon, but for now, we encourage you to save the date so your student can be part of this fun weekend!

Recommended Resources of the Month

As I prepare for our **Parent Night** lesson on *Navigating Friendships*, I came across a few helpful articles written for parents that offer practical wisdom for guiding your students through different friendship dynamics in their lives. Be sure to check out those articles below, and I look forward to seeing you at Parent Night on Sunday!

- [How to Help Your Teenager Choose Friends](#) by Jaquelle Crowe Ferris
- [When You Don't Like Your Teen's Friends: A Parent's Guide](#) by Katie Polski
- [Prayers for a Teenager Struggling to Make Friends](#) by Tracey Rector

As always, please let me know if there's any way I can be praying for you or your family.

By God's grace and for his glory!

Justin Lorig

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Lorig". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of "Justin" and "Lorig" being capitalized and prominent.