

2025 CONFIRMATION CLASS For 6th-9th Graders AND their Parents

This is an incredible opportunity for all Jr High families that have not yet gone through this together. WE CONSIDER THIS A STRONG SPIRITUAL INVESTMENT IN THE LIVES OF STUDENTS & THEIR PARENTS.

The word "confirmation" literally means "to make firm." In Confirmation, the Holy Spirit strengthens, *makes firm*, a person in his or her Christian Faith. Around 6th grade, children are at an age where they have the capacity to reason not only concretely but also abstractly. Because of this, we desire to teach clearly the **Essentials of the Christian Faith and God's Church**, giving students the opportunity to respond to this faith with a clear understanding. They will also then have the opportunity to officially join Hillside Church for themselves, becoming full-fledged members.

Because this is such important and foundational TRUTH, we require the parents to attend this class as well. We do this so that parents can be fully in touch with what we are teaching their children, and families can carry on engaging conversations as they live life together at home. –Parents have LOVED being a part!

The class incorporates:

- Games, Lectures, Skits, Videos, and Group Discussions upstairs in "The ROCK"
- Students sit up front together as a class, along with several senior high student-leaders.
- Parents sit together around tables, with coffee, hot tea, and water available. *Parents have consistently told us that they LOVE this class because of the information and good spiritual conversations with their children, along with establishing solid relationships with other parents! It's a "Win-Win" opportunity!*

Hillside's 2025 Confirmation Class Info:

- **Registration Required:** Please register online at "hillsidegmc.org/youth" - under "Jr High Youth Ministry"
- **Cost** is \$35.00 for materials & event costs (*If the cost is a problem, then we will work with you in any way.*)
- **Class will be in THE ROCK EACH Sunday from 10:45am-12:15pm from September 7th through November 23rd**
- **Late Night Event:** Sunday, Oct. 12th from 4-8:30pm at Hillside. –Only the students attend this, Info below.
- **Attendance Requirement:** Cannot miss more than 2 meetings. The "Late Night" event is **HIGHLY IMPORTANT, so make sure you attend!** If a session is missed, the family will be required to watch it on video together before the next class. We also ask you to worship together at Hillside's 9:30am worship service. (*No Class meeting on 9/21*)
- **Parent Involvement:** At least one parent, preferably both, needs to attend each class. This truly enables great parent-student discussions at home, encouraging deeper and more sustainable growth in the students. Parents also get to know other parents of Jr High students, which is a super support builder for the future!
- **Confirmation Service:** November 23rd at our 9:30am Modern Worship Service. This is where each student is actually Confirmed by Hillside Church as a true follower of Jesus Christ! (*FYI: this is the Sunday before Thanksgiving*)

Special Late Night Event: Sunday night, October 12th, from 4-8:30pm "A Look at True Salvation"

This is a **HIGHLY IMPORTANT** and **VITAL** Event for the students. This has proven to be a truly pivotal night for the confirmands as they experience an incredibly fun and spiritually rich evening with spiritually grounded Sr. High Students who truly pour into them in an amazingly Christ-centered way. The confirmands have continued to be encouraged and blown away by this powerful experience. True Life-Change is a result of this powerful night.

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." 1 Peter 3:15

In Support of Students and their Families,

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