



August 16, 2023

**To: All 6th Grade Future Confirmation Students and their Parents and
All 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Students and their Parents**

Welcome to the Confirmation Program at Abiding Savior for 2023-2024! Enclosed is a registration form for all Confirmation Students, a calendar for the year, and a document of important information for parents to know about Confirmation. Our Confirmation Program includes 6th, 7th and 8th graders, with students being confirmed in the fall of 9th grade. We include parents in many aspects of our program and look forward to working with you to encourage and mentor your child. There are **several opportunities for parents** to help out as volunteers throughout the year. If, as a parent, you would be interested in leading or team-leading a small group, please talk to Pastor Ryan.

Orientation for **confirmation students and parents** will be on **Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. The orientation will be about 45 minutes. Confirmation classes will start Wednesday, September 14th, and meet regularly on **Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, beginning with Wednesday Night Worship**.

- *Wednesday Worship* is a worship service on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm starting September 13th. This exciting worship service is less than half an hour long, family and kid-friendly, and totally relaxed. We will be singing songs, praying together, hearing God's Word and a short reflection from one of the pastors, and sharing communion every other week. Wednesday Worship is also the beginning of Confirmation and students are expected to attend. We invite all Confirmation families to eat supper together on Wednesday nights. You don't even need to cook! Our community supper is served 4:30 pm to 6:15 pm.

This year, all grade levels will attend a **joint retreat** at Wapo on **Sunday, February 18th, through Monday, February 19th, 2024**. There is no school on President's Day, Monday, February 20th, and all students will be expected to attend this retreat. The cost of the retreat is covered in your Confirmation registration. Please mark your calendars appropriately.

Also, this year we will have a special Service Project Night on **Wednesday, January 17th**. We will be going to Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) to pack food that will be sent around the world to children in need. That night we will meet here at the church at 6:30 as our session at FMSC starts at 7:00. **We will be back to the church about 8:45** that evening (note the late pick-up time!). Parents and siblings are **encouraged** to join us that night for this service project.

Enclosed is a list of important dates for you to get on your calendars. We hope and pray that you will have a wonderful experience in our Confirmation program, and we are all looking forward to a fun and exciting year. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ryan at church, 763-784-5120. Also, please send in your registration form as soon as you can.

See you on Wednesday, September 6th!

Pastor Ryan and Pastor Marla