

August 21, 2024

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 2024-2025! 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.

The orientation for confirmation students and parents will be on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The orientation will be about 45 minutes. Confirmation classes will start Wednesday, September 18th, and meet regularly on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

This year, all grade levels will attend a **joint retreat** at Wapo on **Sunday, February 16th, through Monday, February 17th, 2025.** There is no school on President's Day, Monday, February 17th, 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 15th**. 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 11th!

Pastor Ryan