

Parent Commitments

Thank you for considering Confirmation on behalf of your child. Confirmation will be successful to the extent that we partner in a journey of growth. These guidelines will hopefully give you a basic idea of what you can expect from us and what we expect of you.

Time Commitments

1. Transportation to/from Confirmation events (afternoon sessions, service opportunities, retreat).
2. Worship every week. It is a requirement that students and their parents attend worship every week of Confirmation. You can worship at any of the morning services (8:15, 9:40 or 11:00).
3. Extracurricular conversations. We will communicate with you regularly throughout the program and share questions to ask your students around specific topics.
4. Optional help with retreat execution and other volunteer opportunities – more details as we get closer to these dates.
5. Optional: Parents are encouraged to engage with Cornerstone Youth throughout the Confirmation journey. There will be opportunities to assist with evening events and to help provide meals for the students.

Financial Commitment

We're asking for \$75 from each family to help offset costs for supplies and activities.

Ethical Commitment

We're committed to following our St. Mark's Safe Church Policy. If you are going to work with minors (aside from your own student) at retreat, service event, or during Cornerstone Youth, you must complete an application for a background check. Contact Jenny Rundle, our Office Manager, at (317) 846-4912 to do so.

Spiritual Commitments

1. Own your responsibility. You have the most critical role in your student's faith. We can only supplement what you do.
2. Be present. Be fully available and committed to your student's growth (and your own).
3. Commit to listening. Validate their questions. Empathize with their concerns. Affirm their joys.
4. Commit to growing with your student. If your mindset is to grow in this experience, it will change your student's outlook as well as your own. It will make for a positive experience for everyone.
5. Be honest. You don't have all the answers. You do have wisdom. You also have doubts and struggles. When you don't know, say so. It will empower your student!
6. Pray for your student daily. Ask them what to pray for often. Let them know you're praying. This is a powerful form of care.
7. Be a noticer. Look for passion, giftedness and skill in your student; when you see it, take note of it, and when the time is right, point it out. Also, pay attention for doubt, confusion and hurt in your student; when you see it, pray about it, listen more deeply and consider a question that you can ask. This will also prepare you to write your affirmation letter to your student.
8. Be joyful. What you're doing is one of the most important things we do as a church. Investing in the development of your son's/daughter's faith is a monumental thing for them, for you, for our church and for God's Kingdom!