

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued support to our teen's and children's ministries during this past year. I can see the ways in which you are encouraging your teens and helping them to know Jesus and I am grateful for your commitment to their faith and learning. You're setting a great example for your children, and young parents. I am also grateful for the ways in which you have reached out to me, and other ministry leaders with support and care. Your continued assurance is a blessing during this very long ministry season.

Kid's Ministry: As we head into our spring season, our prayer is to see a revival not only among our adult community but in our teens and children as well. We have a dedicated team of volunteers, many of whom are receiving this letter as parents as well. These volunteers are teaching our kids in our zoom services (kid's story) and in a virtual kids club. These alternate weekly; one week we will have a kid's story in the main service, and the following week, a kid's club zoom call after the service and breakout sessions. This is a great way to keep your kids connected to the greater church family. Please note that there is a schedule for these events on both the website and your weekly parent's email. I would encourage you to note these on your calendar.

Teen's Ministry: Our teens will be starting a series on baptism. These are not baptism classes, so if you feel your youth isn't there yet, we would still love and appreciate their participation. However, many of our young people are on the precipice of baptism. For these young people, this is a chance for them to dig deeply into the theology and history of baptism and prayerfully discern whether they are ready. This is an important series and one that I hope your family will be able to commit to. Like Kid's club, the dates are rotating. We have our virtual "Breakfast Club" alternating Sundays beginning on April 18th. Dates will be noted on the calendar on the website and in your parent's email. Please add these to your family calendar.

As this series is important, if your teen is unable to attend due to a previously scheduled commitment (ie athletics), please let me know. I would rather teach a class twice and have everyone get to explore their faith journey than leave someone behind due to a scheduling conflict! I would like to add that if you feel your grade 6 student would benefit from Breakfast Club instead of Kid's Club, we'd be happy to have them.

Finally, know that I am always available to you or your teens. I say it often to you, but I am so grateful for the way you trust me with your teens. They are wonderful young men and women and I love their authenticity and honesty when it comes to hard faith questions.

Love you all and praying for you always.

Pastor Carlee Turner