

Confirmation Program at Shepherd of the Hills

The purpose of the Confirmation program at Shepherd of the Hills is to invite young people into a growing, intimate relationship with Jesus. All that we do points young people to Jesus. Jesus is the beginning, middle and end of all of our instruction. In the words of Paul, "For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you, except Jesus Christ and him crucified." 1 Corinthians 2:2

The purpose of the Confirmation program is in lockstep with the mission of Shepherd of the Hills Church which is, "Winning and Growing People for Christ Together." We want to point young people to the Jesus they find in God's Word and help them grow as disciples (followers) of Jesus. We want to point young people and their families to a hub relationship with Jesus and not a spoke relationship. The hub is in the center of the wheel and all the spokes come out from the center. We strive to develop Christ-centered disciples in all that we do at Shepherd, not just the Confirmation program!

At the end of student's 8th grade year we will have a "Confirmation Celebration" as opposed to a "service" or "ceremony". You have a ceremony when you graduate and we want to celebrate what God has been doing and will continue to do in the lives of these young people. In order to take part in the Confirmation Celebration students will need to write a Statement of Faith. We will provide a number of different opportunities to help students and their families grow in their faith and to help parents live out their role as "primary faith influence" in the lives of their children. These opportunities will include

- 1) Sunday morning classes
- 2) Summer Confirmation Camp
- 3) We will teach the Faith Five multiple times
- 4) We will provide weekly emails to each family with an overview of the lessons

When students reach 8th grade they will take a month of class time and rotate between service projects, teaching Kidz Konnection and participating in small group Bible studies. These activities will help students to live out their faith in a sincere, meaningful way. As students enter high school there will be many opportunities to serve and grow as a member of the Shepherd community!