

Dear Parents,

It is time for your 5th grader to begin the transition to our **Middle School COW (Cloud of Witnesses – Hebrews 12:2) Ministry**. I am excited for the children and know they are ready for this change. Steve Noble, our Pastor of Family Ministries, is excited to meet you and welcome your child to **COW**. Also, our new Middle School Coordinator, Grace Stevenson, is excited to meet your child when she starts her position next month!

Please take note of the following 5th grade transition plans:

- **Sunday Morning | April 24, 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.**

During both services, the 5th graders will start in 45 Alive where the Elementary faith mentors will pray for them and their fellow students. Then the COW leaders will pick them up and have them join the Middle School class. Students will be invited to join the Middle School program on Sunday mornings for the remainder of the school year and summer.

- **Parent Meeting | Sunday April 24, 10:00 a.m. | Student Center**

In between worship services on Sunday, April 24, Steve Noble, will talk through what your students can expect in Middle School COW. He will talk through Sunday COW, Wednesday Night COW, COW Summer in the Park gatherings, and [summer trips](#).

- **COW Visit Night | Wednesday, April 27, 7:00–8:30 p.m. | Student Center**

5th graders are invited to visit our Wednesday night COW program and explore what it's all about. This will be a **one-time visit** night, as we devote the next couple weeks after this to properly celebrate and send off the graduating 8th graders.

- **No COW Programming | Sunday, May 15, 22, & 29**

There will be no COW on these Sundays. We hope your family will take this opportunity to worship together.

- **COW Summer in the Park | Beginning Wednesday, June 8 | Central Park at Oak Brook Park District**

5th graders are officially invited to attend COW Summer in the Park! The evening will include large group games and activities. These gatherings are an easy way for students to build friendships and get to know some of their peers as they prepare to enter middle school! All incoming 6th – 8th graders are welcome!

- **Camp COW | June 27–July 1 | Baraboo, WI**

We strongly encourage all incoming 6th graders to join us for this awesome week! Camp COW is

the best way for incoming 6th graders to get settled in to our Middle School Ministry. You can register **here**. If finances are an issue, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

We know this new season is exciting and for some creates a sense of anxiousness. The entire Middle School and Children's Ministry Teams are committed to making this transition as easy as possible. If we can help make this move smoother for your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. All information about Middle School can be found [here](#).

What a blessing your children have been to us in the Children's Ministry! Thank you for entrusting them to our care over the past five years.

By His Grace,

Shari

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