

Hi Families of our Third Grade Bible recipients!

Congratulations to your incredible third grader for all the hard work they put in this February! We are so proud of the class and hope they are enjoying their new Bibles.

At Christ Church, we are committed to supporting children along their entire journey of faith. This journey starts at birth, then baptism, and has most recently led to the receiving of their own Bible in third grade! *The natural question for many families of a third grade student is, "What's next?"* 

We are committed to walking with you through the next steps of the journey, so we pulled together this list to allow you to have a glimpse of how your child can continue building their relationship with God as they walk through our **Family Ministry**.

## 45 Alive | Grades 4–5

This upcoming fall, your fourth grade student will meet in the student center on Sunday mornings which we call 45 Alive. The 45 Alive community received its name due to Ephesians 2:4-5. Every Sunday students and mentors walk together to help pre-teens explore what it looks like to make their faith their own!

## Rock 'N Canoe Camp | Grades 4–5

Incoming fourth grade students are introduced an overnight summer camp experience. Our Rock 'N Canoe adventure camp hosted by Expeditions Unlimited in Baraboo, Wisconsin is a space where students can pause from the busyness of life to build community, worship together, and adventure together in God's creation!

## COW | Grades 6-8

As your student transitions to middle school they are invited to join our junior high ministry. COW, which stands for Cloud of Witnesses, is a small group based, mentor-driven community of young people. COW meets every Wednesday night during the school year from 7:00–8:30 p.m.

## Camp COW | Grades 6–8

Camp COW is our week-long middle school summer camp at Expeditions Unlimited in Baraboo, Wisconsin! This is a great opportunity for middle school students to get to know their peers and grow as a community. Every year we take around 200 campers for a week of friends, fun, and faith formation.

## Student Mission Trips | Grade 7–12

Once your student is entering seventh grade, they'll have an opportunity to join their peers and adult mentors on one of a number of week-long student mission trips. Middle school and high school underclassmen travel domestically for service

projects, while our upperclassmen travel internationally. This year our juniors and seniors will be headed to Mexico!

## **Confirmation | Grade 9**

At Christ Church, baptism is paired with a small group-based confirmation program. Students join small groups of their peers to walk with faith mentors through some of the particulars of a life of faith. This is a space to wonder about the big questions in life and to wrestle together with what it is that we believe. Students who have not been baptized have an opportunity to choose to be baptized as part of this program. Confirmation takes place during the first semester of Koinonia (high school ministry), and their confirmation groups continue as Koinonia community groups.

## Koinonia | Grades 9–12

Koinonia (Greek for community) is our high school group students transition into from COW. Koinonia is led by our excellent student ministry team, with active participation from a team of college and adult leaders. High school small groups grow in depth and teens work out their faith within this vibrant community of students and mentors.

## Mosaic Community | Grades 9–12

Mosaic provides an opportunity for our committed students to develop and grow as student leaders. Mosaic meets on Wednesday nights and is broken into "tiles" which are groups of students and adult volunteers who desire to serve out of how they are wired (band, serving, creative arts, leadership, etc.)

# Roca Y Agua Camp | Grades 9–12

Roca is the highlight of our high school year! Students head to Bull Shoals, Arkansas for a week of life together on houseboats. Students live on the water for a week playing, worshipping, and getting to know their community better!

# College and Young Adult Communities | Ages 18–29

Graduation isn't the end of the road for our students. We host community groups for college students and young adults weekly on Thursday nights in our student center. In these spaces, young adults continue to build on the faith communities they have fostered over the past decade!

If you haven't subscribed to our quarterly newsletters and would like to stay tuned in, please opt-in <u>here</u>. You can also find more details on our webpages:

- Christ Church Kids | Birth–Grade 5
- COW | Grades 6–8
- Koinonia | Grades 9–12
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We look forward to continuing the journey of faith with your family! Steve Noble Pastor of Family Ministries Christ Church