



A Year At A Glance

Welcome Confirmation Class of 10'

**May 2009 - Incoming 6th Grade Student Registration;
Color Leader Registration**

August 2009 - Color Groups are Organized

August 2009 - Color Leaders are Assigned Groups

August 29, 2009 - Color Leader Training at 10:00—12:00 noon

Students are still part of PLANET56. Each Sunday P56 is open from 9:00—9:30 and/or 10:30—11:00 for fun, fellowship and pre-activities. Students can play games or just chill and enjoy visiting with friends as they arrive. Classes actually begin at 9:30 and 11:00 so all games end a few minutes before those start times. The first 15—20 minutes of each class hour is spent in PLANET56 for announcements, prayers, praise & worship. By 9:48 and/or 11:18 the 6th grade Confirmation students leave with Color Leaders and go to their Confirmation Classroom. This final 40 minutes class hour is spent with 20 minutes of large group teaching and 20 minutes of small group life application discussion, turning in accountability forms, taking prayer requests and closing in prayer. Students will need to bring their tote bags which contain their Student Study Bible; journal and pen as they receive them.

August 30, 2009
Week 1

First Day of Class - Meet at your scheduled time of either 9:30 or 11:00 students in PLANET56; Parents in Asbury Hall to meet color leaders. After students move to room Orientation Begins with "Begin The Journey"
Students receive their:
t-shirts, backpacks, Bibles, journals and pens.

Weekly offering is taken each week in PLANET56. All of this offering, as well as gift donations and help from mission outreach funds, goes to "Bus Action Outreach" .

Bus Action Outreach: We charter 2 buses to pick up students and their friends from Mitchell & Collins and two vans to Vogel and Cox for scheduled Wednesday Outer Limits Bible Studies. This is outreach to their friends to introduce them to Bible Study, church & P56! This is a FREE transportation service to encourage outreach. This outreach ministry costs about \$900.00 per month. Parent carpools are encouraged for John Cooper & Coulson Tough.

Week 2
September 6

"What Is Confirmation?"

Week 3
September 13

"What Is A Christian"

Week 4
September 20

"The Bible: Our Guide to Belief"

Week 5 September 27	“The Image of God”
Week 6 October 2, 3 and 4	Confirmation Retreat at Carolina Creek Christian Camp Please register online at www.gracekids.com Please register by Sept. 24th. Retreat Theme is “Unshakeable Faith”
Week 7 October 11	“Who is God?”
Week 8 October 18	“What is sin?”
Week 9 October 25	“Who is Jesus?”
Week 10 November 1	5th and 6th grade together in Planet 56
Week 11 November 8	“What is Salvation?”
Week 12 November 15	“What is Faith?”
Week 13 November 22	“Who is the Holy Spirit?”
Week 14 November 29	5th and 6th together in Planet 56
Week 15 December 6	“Talking to God”
Week 16 December 13	“Listening to God”
Week 17 December 20	5th and 6th together in Planet 56
Week 18 December 27	No Class—Family Worship Only!
Week 19 January 3	No Class—Family Worship Only!
Week 20 January 10	“What is a Methodist?”
Week 21 January 17	5th and 6th together in Planet 56
True North Weekend—January 24 from 4—8 here on campus	
Week 22 January 24	“Open Question Day”
Week 23 January 31	“Our Jewish Heritage”

Week 24 February 7	"Experiencing Love"
Week 25 February 17	"What is Lent?"
Week 26 February 21	"The Sacraments" Very Important – MANDATORY –any student missing this class must watch the video tape of the teaching before being confirmed in May. Mark your calendars! Pastoral Teaching by Rev. Rob Renfro. Parents are invited to join students. "Holy Communion and Baptism" No large group time in PLANET56 this week . <u>9:30 & 11:00 classes meet the full hour in Asbury Hall.</u>
Week 27 February 28	"Denominations"
Week 28 March 7	"About Worship"
Week 29 March 14	5th and 6th graders together in Planet 56
Week 30 March 21	5th and 6th graders together in Planet 56
Week 31 March 28	"A Walk to the Cross"
Week 32 April 4	Easter Services—Family worship
Week 33 April 11	"Who were the disciples?"
Week 34 April 18	"What Now?"
Week 35 April 25	"I choose to live as a Christian in Junior High"
Week 36 May 2	"I Choose Jesus Christ"
Week 37 May 9	Last day of Confirmation Class
May 15	Confirmation Rehearsal at 10:00 am in the sanctuary Immersion Baptism immediately follows
Week 38 May 16	Confirmation Sunday

Saturday, May 15 at 10am - MANDATORY REHEARSAL - STUDENT & AT LEAST ONE PARENT

We will try to keep this to 1 hour or less. You will be shown how students parade into the sanctuary as the congregation stands and sings and where each color group sits. Parents will have assigned seating areas by color group and you will be shown where to sit. We will walk through the service and how students being baptized will come to the altar and how parents will join them. Then we will walk through how each color group comes to the railing and their parents join them standing behind their student. Each student is allowed a maximum of 2 adults to stand behind them and lay hands on them as they are being confirmed and prayed for.

Please understand why this is mandatory for both the student and at least one parent so that everyone knows how they enter, where they sit, when to come forward, etc. We are working very hard to make this an incredible Confirmation Sunday with so many special features and with this many students it is important that all know their role, when and where. I know some of you may have to rearrange your schedules for this one hour and I hope we are giving you enough notice and that you understand why it needs to be done. Some may even have to miss a sporting event but it is only that one time and this is important or we would not ask you to do this. Thank you for helping us.

Saturday, May 15 at 11:30 am - IMMERSION BAPTISM SERVICE FOR STUDENTS CHOOSING THIS FORM

If the Confirmand has never been baptized, they may choose either to be immersed during this service or to wait until Sunday and receive the traditional baptism during either the Harvest or 11:00 Traditional service. Details of this service will be given to you after we know how many students are participating.

Sunday, May 16 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY -

.All 9:30 class students: Family Reception & Photo Session hosted by 5th grade parents 9:00 – 10:30
Students gather in their color groups and line up to enter sanctuary 10:30
Students attend worship service, sit together & are recognized during 11:00 service
Family members will not sit with their students but may sit anywhere desired
Color leaders will sit with students. The exception to this is students in the class who are receiving baptism. There will be a special section next to the color groups where the baptism candidates and their parents will sit and they will be baptized during the 11:00 service and recognized with their group being confirmed today.

All 11:00 class students: Students gather in their color groups and line up to enter sanctuary 9:15
Students attend worship service, sit together & are recognized during 9:30 service
Family members will not sit with their students but may sit anywhere desired
Color leaders will sit with students. The exception to this is students in the class who are receiving baptism. There will be a special section next to the color groups where the baptism candidates and their parents will sit and they will be baptized during the 9:15 service and recognized with their group being confirmed today.
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Both classes (9:30 & 11:00) are combined for the joint Confirmation Service in the sanctuary at 12:15. As soon as the 11:00 traditional worship services ends at noon and the sanctuary is cleared out, **parents will go** into the sanctuary and sit in your assigned color group seating. **Additional family members will** have room further back to sit together or in the balcony. Parents have to have a special area so that as your student's color group comes forward to be confirmed you go together as a group and stand behind your students. This line up process will be practiced in rehearsal because it must happen really fast. The service should be about an hour in length to be completed about 1:15 and then they all come to the front to stand together for an entire "Class of 10" photograph with leaders and ministry staff. After the group photo you are free to leave, which should be close to 1:30 pm. It might not take as long this year. We changed to have all baptisms during the 9:15 or 11:00 sanctuary services instead of the 12:15 service so it will shorten the service by quite a bit.

Due to the lateness of the service, the reception will have a very nice brunch buffet. So hopefully you will have gained sustenance during the reception to hold you for a late lunch! We plan on an average of 7 people per confirmand so that we prepare for 1,050 going through the buffet.

A professional photographer is hired to come in and take photos during your assigned color group time in the reception. We are asking them to set up two photo areas this year to help with the congestion. You will be given the photo order form a couple of weeks before so you will have time to make your selections.