

confirmation commissioning course

November 4, 2019

Dear Future Confirmand,

As a student 6th grade and older, you are invited to take part in an opportunity presented by the Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church that has the potential to be life-changing. The Confirmation Commissioning Course, or C³, is being offered to students who are ready to make a personal claim on their faith. This is not a course that your parents sign you up for, nor is it something you do because “everyone else is doing it.” This is your choice. Therefore, the course is only for those that are ready to commit the time and energy it will take to complete it.

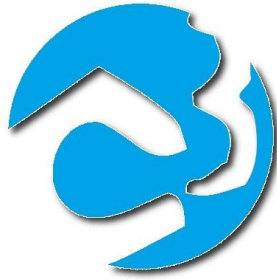
Over the 14-week course, you will meet weekly with the group for discussion, projects, activities, and more to dig deeper into the very heart of what Christianity really is. We will explore what each of us truly believes—not just what we are told we are supposed to believe. The course is not intended to overwork you or burn you out, but there will be assignments you’ll complete between each group meeting. These tasks are designed to help you better understand how you might live out your faith in real life, and how to put into practice what you believe.

Along with the other students in the group, you will work with a mentor who will walk alongside you in the journey. This will be an adult member of GCPC that will commit to praying for you every week, checking in with you to see how the process is going, and, among other things, being available to talk or answer questions when you need them. You will meet with this mentor weekly, either in person or over the phone. Together you’ll read scripture and discuss what you read. Your parents will play a role in the C³ process too, as they commit to pray for you and support you along the way. You will also be asked to attend church services at GCPC regularly (at least 8 of the 14 weeks) during the course to provide a frame of reference of how the life of faith is shared in community.

At the completion of the course, you’ll become an adult member of the Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and baptism will be an option for those not already baptized. This will happen in a special ceremony during worship on Sunday, May 31. I am asking you to pray about this opportunity and decide if God is leading you to participate in the course. Also, discuss the course with your parents and ask them if they will support your decision. Look to the C³ website, www.gpcchurch.org/confirmation for more information and updates. Finally, feel free to bring your questions and concerns to me as you decide if you’d like to participate. If you decide to join in, fill out the attached registration form and return it to the church office by Sunday, November 24, 2019.

In Christ,

Rev. Andy Blackwelder
Associate Pastor for Youth & Children



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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____
HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____
EMAIL ADDRESS _____
HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED? Y N UNSURE
TWO FAVORITE COLORS: _____

STATEMENT OF INTENT

I, _____, AM INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THE CONFIRMATION COMMISSIONING COURSE IN 2020. I AM WILLING TO COMMIT MY TIME AND EFFORT TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE ACTIVITIES INVOLVED AND WILL MEET WITH ANDY TO CATCH UP IF I MISS ANYTHING. I AM SIGNING UP FOR THIS COURSE ON MY OWN AND NOT BECAUSE ANYONE ELSE IS PRESURING ME TO DO SO.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

PARENTS AGREEMENT

I WILL SUPPORT MY CHILD IN THEIR CONFIRMATION COMMISSIONING COURSE JOURNEY BY PRAYING FOR THEM, ENCOURAGING THEM AND DOING WHATEVER I CAN DO TO MAKE THEIR C3 EXPERIENCE A PRIORITY FOR MY FAMILY.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

Feel free to contact Andy Blackwelder at 423-525-3818 or ablackwelder@gcpchurch.org with any questions. If you choose to take part in the Confirmation Commissioning Course 2019, turn in your signed registration form to the church office by **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019.**