

RELEVANT

STUDENT MINISTRIES

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Dear Class of 2009,

Can you believe the end of your senior year of high school is almost here? I bet you feel like it was just yesterday when you started high school. That's enough of that sentimental stuff. Here's the reason why I'm writing you. You're a senior and you're going to graduate and that is a BIG deal! We want everyone here at First Christian to know of your great achievement and want to honor you in several ways. Here's the scoop on what I need from you in order to make this a great time for everyone.

- 1.) Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 31—I need you to fill out this packet and return it to me no later than Wednesday, May 27. You will also need to meet in the church lobby by the portico 5 minutes prior to the 9am morning service and at 11:15am during the 10:30 worship service on this Sunday. You will be introduced to the congregation and some of your accomplishments and memories will be shared during this time. If you have your cap and gown, please wear it that day. If not, Sunday morning dress is appropriate for this occasion. Only those seniors who fill out the Graduate Information Packet can participate in this service.
- 2.) Graduate Honor Service, Wednesday, May 20, 6:00p.m.—This service is designed to honor you and your accomplishments in a much more detailed manner. It will be the majority of the program on this night. Each senior will have their own time to share something with the youth group, if they wish, and each will be charged by one of the youth sponsors as they make this important transition from high school to the real world. If you are interested in participating in this service, please contact me AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, regarding what I will need from you (stuff like pictures, more details about memories, etc.). This service is for only those willing to participate.
- 3.) Graduate Honor Banquet, Friday, May 29, 6:30p.m.—This banquet is an opportunity to give you even more honor, but this time there is food involved. There will be a special program for all who attend and a full dinner, as well. Seniors may attend this dinner free of charge, but everyone else needs to purchase a ticket in order to attend. Tickets will cost \$8.00 and are available any time up until Sunday, May 24. Please be sure to invite all your family members and friends, as you won't want anyone to miss this special time. If you are planning on attending this event, please have your PARENTS contact me AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, so that I can gather some items that are needed for this occasion. The deadline to make your reservation, as a senior, for this event is Sunday, May 24.

4.) Senior Make Your Mark— Friday, June 5, 2:00p.m.—This is your last chance to leave a little piece of you behind. All seniors are invited to come to The Pottery Garden on McGregor Blvd. and make two tiles for our wall. One will have your name, school and class year on it, the second will be anything you'd like, preferably some wisdom you wish to share and leave with the youth group. These tiles, when complete, will be mounted on the wall in our family center. This event is free for the first tile and \$10 if you choose to paint a second for all participating seniors. Please make reservations with Pete by Sunday, May 31.

5.) Senior Trip - Monday, June 8 , Time & Cost: TBD - Okay seniors! It's just you and your other graduates as we make our way to Busch Gardens of Tampa, FL. Your price covers the cost of your entrance into the park. You'll need to bring money for extras like meals, souvenirs, etc. Deadline to register for this event is Monday, June 1. Please contact Pete with any questions.

As you can see, we really do think it's a BIG DEAL that you are graduating. I mean, think about it, you only graduate from High School once in a lifetime, so why not make a big deal about it. Most of all, we want you to know that your church, First Christian Church, is proud of you and your accomplishments and behind you in your future pursuits as you follow the Lords' Will. If you have any questions about any of these special senior events, please contact me as soon as possible and I'll answer any questions you might have. You can also make reservations for these events at any time prior to the deadlines listed. Thanks for being involved here at First Christian and RELEVANT Student Ministries and once again, congratulations on a job well done.

Be good, be God's,

Pete Ramsey