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Life in Christ – Grad Banquet

Berean Youth staff is proud to host a Graduation Banquet for the senior class at the end of each school year. This is a program of celebrating the faith life of students and their discipleship journey. Parents, grandparents, role models/mentors, and small group leaders are all invited to attend. The evening consists of dinner and various messages of encouragement and celebration, closing with a time of family/mentor prayer for students.

The program begins with dinner and a look back at their early years in Berean Youth. It is a time to remind students of the foundation of their faith through a short message. A special time is also taken to open the time capsule that was created at their seventh-grade banquet.

Parents are given the opportunity to share the letters/prayers that have been written at each of the previous milestones (baby dedication, faith commitment, faith in practice, preteen passage, commitment to purity, and transition to adulthood) along their discipleship journey. Parents (as well as mentors/role models) will also spend this time reminding their sons and daughters of their prayers and hopes for them as they've grown into an adult and as they've grown in their faith. We encourage parents and role models to plan to acknowledge the growth in their student and encourage them in their future life in Christ.

A special time is taken to call students to live on mission as they transition to a Life in Christ. It is a time reminding them of God's work in their lives and urging them to live fully devoted to their relationship with Jesus Christ both spiritually and vocationally.

Commissioning Letter

In preparation for the Grad Banquet and as a conclusion to this part of the discipleship journey, parents are asked to write a commissioning letter to their son/daughter that they will read. This is a letter signaling the sending of their son/daughter out into the world as a disciple of Jesus with the call to live on mission and make disciples.

- When writing this letter, include your thoughts and memories of their discipleship journey up to this point as well as your thoughts, hopes, and prayers for their continued trajectory of growth as they experience Life in Christ.

The banquet concludes with a time of gathering around students for a time of prayer.



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