



Parents' Letter to their Confirmand

The apostle Paul is responsible for so many beautiful letters of encouragement that are part of our Holy Scriptures. He sent these letters to the fledgling churches as a way to encourage and affirm the early followers in their faith journeys. **We would like for you to do the same by sending a letter to your fledgling confirmand** 😊.

This letter of encouragement and affirmation is a tangible way to express your pride in them, and to share your own story of faith and love for your child. You may wish to include a prayer, your reflection of this year long process, a favorite scripture verse and/or words of hope for them as they continue to claim their own faith. It could include what you as their parent feel or desire for them as they begin their journey to adulthood.

The Confirmation leaders will not read your letter. This is a private and personal conversation between you and your child. The confirmands will receive them as a surprise at the overnight retreat at Camp Willow Run, March 9 – 10, 2018.

Your *sealed* envelope should be addressed like this:

**[Name of your son/daughter]
Confirmation Retreat Letter - Deb Smith
White Memorial Presbyterian Church
1704 Oberlin Road
Raleigh, NC 27608**

Please put your letter in a sealed envelope and return it either in person to Deb Smith, Youth Administrative Coordinator, in W119 (in which case you only need the top two lines on your envelope) or send it in the mail. We hope to have all the letters in hand **by February 20, 2018.**

Thank you for your time and effort with this.

In Christ's service,

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