

Planting Seeds  
in Fertile Soil



# Confirmation



**What is the Purpose OF Confirmation?** Our purpose is to make sure the students understand their decision to accept Jesus Christ, how that impacts their eternal life, and what they need to do with their faith now.

**What is the Goal of CRUMY Confirmation?** We want to affirm or reaffirm in each student's mind who Jesus Christ is, that He offers eternal life to each of us, what we must do to accept Him, and how we should live a Christian life.

**Why we conduct confirmation :**

**First: We are obligated as a UMC congregation.**

The Discipline of the United Methodist Church sets the guidelines for confirming "preparatory" members as full members of the church:

"The pastor shall, at least annually, ... **organize into classes for confirmation** the youth who, preferably, are completing the sixth grade. The instruction shall be based on materials which the boys and girls have already used and on other resources produced by The United Methodist Church for the purpose of confirmation preparation. Wherever boys and girls so prepared shall give evidence of **their own Christian faith and purpose and understanding of the privileges and obligations of Church membership, they may be received into full membership.**"

- # 225 *The Discipline of the United Methodist Church*

**Second: We Promise our children at Baptism**

*The Congregation Response:* We receive children as new people in Christ. **We offer our understanding and support** as they explore life. We enfold them in our love, seeking together to **grow in wisdom** and stature and in favor with God and all people. **We join these parents in telling the Gospel in our midst** so all children may live with us for Christ, showing forth His love for all people.

**Third: Jesus expects it**

*Matthew 28:18-20 The Great Commission (NIV) :*

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them** to obey everything I have commanded you.

**Do you teach the Bible?** Confirmation curriculum is based upon fundamental Christian beliefs from the Scriptures. We discuss key scriptures. However, learning and studying the Bible is a lifelong process. The students come from a variety of backgrounds, and we don't try to make confirmation a Bible study. The sole purpose is to help them make an informed decision about accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior

**What is the Curriculum like?** Cool! Awesome!

Thought Provoking! Even Groovy! (some of our lesson owners are children of the 60's)

Our goal is to immerse each student into each Christian precept so they can experience it and call their Christian faith their own.

We created the curriculum from the Alpha Series which was created in the UK as group studies to give non-believers an understanding of Christianity. We then modified to add new material from various sources. It includes video and audio clips, hand-on activities, examples, and small group discussions.

The eight subjects are shown on the chart on the back: Each lesson is taught by a different instructor.

Each lesson roughly goes like

- 30 Minutes of Large Group Activities (all 40 students)
  - (e.g. Video - Skit - story) Led by Lesson Owner
- 30 Minute of Small Group (groups of 10)
  - (e.g. Q&A, Bible Search) Led by the Teachers
- 30 Minutes of Large Group Activities (all 40 students)
  - (e.g. Video - Skit - Story) led by Lesson Owner

**What about United Methodist Curriculum?** The curriculum has been developed here at CRUMC. We teach from a UMC bias because all our teachers are CRUMC members. However, the curriculum is primarily focused on the universal church and Christian beliefs we share with most Christians.

**Does everyone get baptized?** Baptism is a sacrament in the United Methodist Church. We believe that sacrament can be given to infants and many of our students have already been baptized as infants or children. Those that have not been baptized will make that decision on confirmation Sunday. All will confirm that their baptism is their personal choice.

**Do the students become CRUMC members?** The last question they are asked is the same that is asked of all new members. Those that say yes become full adult members of CRUMC. The focus of confirmation, however, is to make new disciples for Jesus Christ. Those that accept Him today are new persons indeed. Celebrate with them.

**But I don't seem to notice any difference in my child?** There's the rub. Confirmation is not the castor oil of the Christian faith. We can't force Christ on anyone. The decision to follow Christ is an individual decision and must be heartfelt. Only God knows when this takes place. Once it does, the cleansing process by the Holy Spirit (sanctification) is a lifelong process.



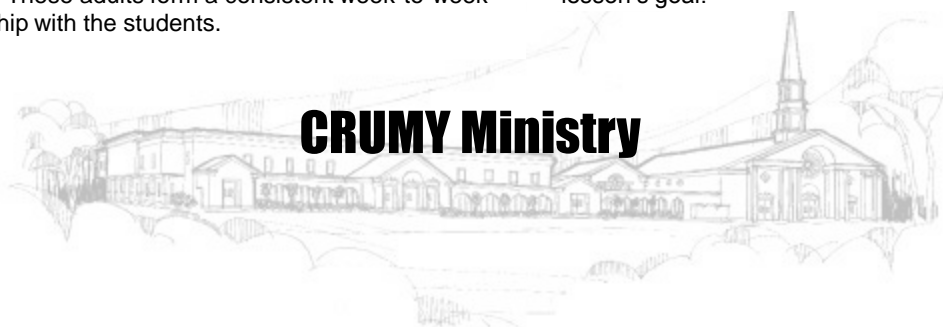
# Confirmation Class 2011-2012 Sessions

All Sessions  
11:00-12:30  
Upper Room

Week # - Lesson Topic	Fall 2011 Session	Spring 2012 Session	Lesson Owners
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Parents Meeting	Aug 28		Bruce Bumgarner
1 Christianity Irrelevant?	Sept 11	Jan 22	Bruce Bumgarner
2 Who is Jesus?	Sept 24-25 <small>Retreat</small>	Jan 29	Bruce Bumgarner
3 Why Did Jesus Die?	Oct 2	Feb 4-5 <small>Retreat</small>	Steve Leonard
4 How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?	Oct 9	Feb 12	Rene' Owens
5 The Bible and Prayer	Oct 16	Feb 26 <small>Pres Day</small>	Bruce Bumgarner
6 How Does God Guide Us?	Oct 30 <small>Fall Break</small>	March 4	Steve Leonard
7 Telling Others?	Nov 6	March 18 <small>Spring Break</small>	Ann Nunnally
8 What About the Church?	Nov 13	March 25	Steve Leonard
Confirmation	Nov 20 6:30 pm	April 15 6:30 pm	
Teachers →	Steve Leonard Ann Nunnally Patty Scheibmeir Christie Varner	Steve Leonard Ann Nunnally Patty Scheibmeir Christie Varner	Coordinator Bruce Bumgarner  Audio Visual TBD

**Teachers** These volunteers attend each lesson for an entire session and facilitate the small group activities. During the first lesson, we assign a teacher to a group of about 10 students, and they stay together for the entire session. These adults form a consistent week-to-week relationship with the students.

**Lesson Owners** These volunteers facilitate one lesson per session. Their main responsibility is to continually improve the material (and method of delivery) to keep it fresh and true to the lesson's goal.



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# Confirmation Class Schedule 2011-2012 Sessions

All Sessions  
11:00 am -12:30pm  
Upper Room

## Fall 2011 Session

### August 2011

CRUMY Youth Week

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

PISD First Day

Parents Meeting

## Spring 2012 Session

### January 2012

New Years Day

MLK

Lesson 1

Lesson 2

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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### September 2011

Labor Day

Lesson 1

Survivor Weekend

Lesson 2

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

Retreat

Lesson 3

Lesson 4

Presidents Day

Lesson 5

### February 2012

Retreat

Lesson 3

Lesson 4

Presidents Day

Lesson 5

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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### October 2011

Lesson 3

Lesson 4

Lesson 5

PISD Fall Weekend

Lesson 6

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Daylight Saving Time Starts

Lesson 6

PISD Spring Break

Lesson 7

Lesson 8

### March 2012

PISD Spring Break

Lesson 7

Lesson 8

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### November 2011

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Lesson 7

Lesson 8

Confirmation

Thanksgiving

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Holy Week  
EASTER

Confirmation

### April 2012

Holy Week  
EASTER

Confirmation

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### December 2011

Advent Sundays

Christmas

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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### May 2012

Mother's Day

Memorial Day

Last Day of School - June 1

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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# Confirmation Weekend Retreat

Our Confirmation program has one overnight intensive weekend to help introduce your child to Jesus. It will be held at the Springhill Retreat Center in Richardson, TX.

To lower cost, we expect you to drive to the retreat and pick up your child according to the schedule below. We can work alternate arrangements if needed, but this schedule allows time to attend Sunday School and Worship and drive to the retreat Sunday morning. We will provide dinner and breakfast at the retreat. Each child will need to bring a sleeping bag and cot for the overnight stay. You must also have a proof of insurance on file with the church.

## Fall 2011

9/24/11 Saturday Drop-off 5 pm @ Springhill Retreat Center  
9/25/11 Sunday Pick up 11 am @ Springhill Retreat Center

## Spring 2012

2/4/2012 Saturday Drop-off 5 pm @ Springhill Retreat Center  
2/5/2012 Sunday Pick up 11 am @ Springhill Retreat Center

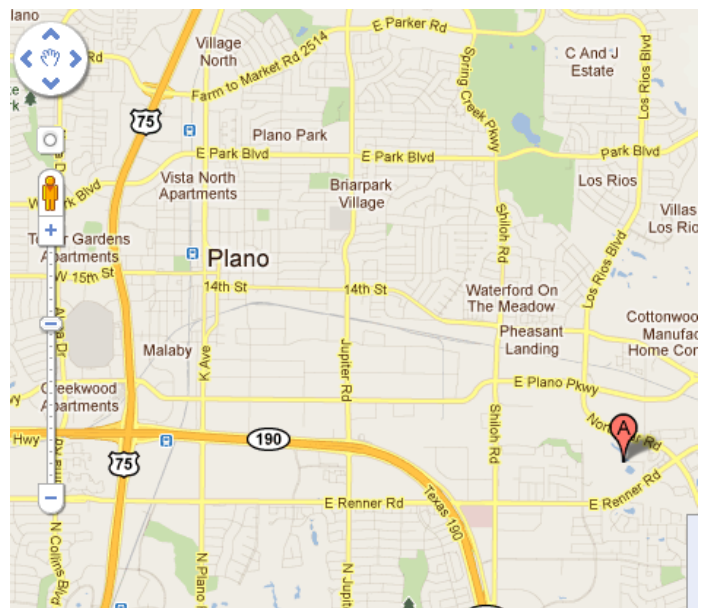
<http://www.springhillretreat.org/index.html>

## Directions to

Springhill Retreat Center  
3991 E Renner Rd  
Richardson, TX 75082

From Plano

- Follow US 75 South
- Merge onto President George Bush Turnpike East
- Exit Renner Road East
- Turn left at East Renner Road
- Go approximately 1.5 miles on Renner Road.
- After crossing the small bridge over Rowlett Creek, begin looking for the next left turn lane into the Springhill property. It is adjacent to Cool Water Car Wash, and just before North Star Road.





# Confirmation Class Schedule 2011-2012 Registration Form

Fee **\$25**

Cash  Check #

Fall 2011      Sep 11 – Nov 20  
Spring 2012    Jan 22 – Apr 15

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The sessions are limited to about 40 students per session. To help us determine session assignments, please indicate desires above. Circle 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> choice for session. If only one session can be attended, then only circle 1<sup>st</sup> choice for that session and no circles for 2<sup>nd</sup> choice. You will leave the parents meeting knowing which session you are in.

## Student Information

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Last Name	First Name
<input type="text"/>	
Street Address	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
City	Zip
<input type="text"/>	
E-mail (student's)	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
School	Grade

Already Baptized?  
**Yes No**

## Parent or Guardian Information

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	First Name	Phone (home)	Phone (cell)
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E-mail (parents)			

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Last Name	First Name	Phone (home)	Phone (cell)
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E-mail			

(and any additional people to contact in case of emergency)

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Last Name	First Name	Phone (home)	Phone (cell)
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E-mail			

Any special needs or request:



## Confirmation Announcement

Attention all seventh grade parents:

Confirmation is starting September 11 at 11:00 am in the Upper Room. It is open to all seventh grade and older children that have not been confirmed. There is a parent's meeting on August 28 at 11:00 am in the Upper Room to discuss and answer any questions

If you would like to sign your son or daughter for the Fall 2011 or Spring 2012 sessions, please register at (web site) .  
The fee is \$25.

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