

Dear Parents and Students of BCC Youth,

We (Dan & Pelly) are eagerly anticipating with excitement the next year of "Fusion" and "Outlet". It is always a blast to officially get things started, to reconnect with students we haven't seen all summer, and continue to connect with students that stuck around. We look forward to all the great lessons, the fun games, the tasty snacks, and of-course the non-stop laughing. While we are always looking forward to Youth Group, we will also be looking forward this year to Sunday School. At Bedford we like to switch things up on our students often, to keep them on their toes. This year exclusively for Sunday School we will be offering an optional "Confirmation Class".

Now I know a lot of you are cringing at this word "Confirmation" because of what is attached to it. But I tell you there is no reason to be upset, because what we want to do with the students this year is "Confirm" them in their faith. There are way to many crazy statistics out there, that talk about the amount of kids that graduate from high school and then go to college and fall away from faith, church, youth group, and mainly Jesus. What we want to do is create a class in which we are teaching basic Biblical truth, and some not so basic biblical truth, and then in the end "Confirming" that the students actually understand and can articulate what it means to be a Christian. Our prayer is that students understand what they believe and make their "faith" their own.

Our hope in doing this is upon graduation, they are rooted and grounded in truth, and instead of believing what they have been brought up to believe, they will believe it because they have studied and have found the truth on their own. Our hope in turn is for students to leave our church with a clear and practiced understanding of how to seek truth, with knowledge as to how to live truth, and wisdom as to how share truth.

-Pelly

Below is some information on **Re:Form** confirmation curriculum as well as some helpful websites you can visit and explore. The course will consist of 40 classes. (see attached list of all the topics covered). Each class will be composed of 4 elements aimed at providing a creative, interactive, and participatory learning environment for all types of students.

re:form is a fully customizable curriculum that's rooted in historic Christianity, but speaks to kids on their level. re:form empowers youth to discover for themselves what they believe, through three components:

**ENCOUNTER:** Two DVDs with 40 hilarious animated short films frame the tough theological questions that kids really ask, like “Who wrote the Bible?” and “Why does God let bad things happen?”

**ENGAGE:** A hands-on Anti-Workbook is the centerpiece of each kid's confirmation experience. It's a sturdy, full-color, wire-O bound journal chock full of activities and ideas, with space to journal and doodle, and extras like pullout cards and cool stickers.

**RESPOND:** re:form prompts kids to make videos, take pictures, interview people, and create stuff. Then they can upload all of their artifacts to an online portfolio -- the re:form gallery -- where kids can share with the whole congregation what they've been learning.

For more information on Sparkhouse Ministries and the **Re:Form** curriculum including sample lessons and videos, please visit the following sites:

<http://www.wearesparkhouse.org/>

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**Student/Parent Contract for BCC Confirmation Program:**

- 1) You must attend Confirmation class a minimum of 2 Sundays a month.
- 2) All work will have to be completed, and must be made up if it is missed.
- 3) You must attend the end-of-the-year spiritual formation retreat
- 4) The program costs \$50 which includes the workbook and retreat
- 5) Students will bring their Bibles and Workbook to class each Sunday.
- 4) You will commit to be willing, being open, and being understanding.

Based upon the completion of the above requirements and recommendation of a Confirmation teacher, an interview will be set up at which point the student will be asked to articulate (in their own words) what they have learned and the basics of the Christian faith. The course is also open to students who are already baptized.

Once confirmed, students may opt to participate with fuller understanding and respect of the ordinances of the Church including baptism and communion. We will have a special baptism service and first communion service towards the end of year.

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I understand the importance of meeting all expectations for the Confirmation Class and with God’s grace and help, will do my best to engage.

Name of Student

Name of Parent

Date

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**Contact Information**

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