

Date: April 15th 2018

Dear Parents of Graduates:

Congratulations! You are parents of graduates. We are excited to commission your graduate to missional living as they take the next step in their life journey. Rosemont Baptist Church is blessed to have fellowshiped with your student as they have grown in life and spirit over the years. We look forward to seeing the glory of God revealed as He leads in your student and family.

We are inviting you to involve your student in the **“Graduate Commissioning Services at RBC” on Sunday, May 20th 2018**. There are a few details we would like to make you aware of as we prepare to commission your graduate in our worship services. We are commissioning students in all three services. Students and families are welcome, though not expected, to attend all services. We would like to invite graduates for prayer & commissioning at the end of the **8:30 & 9:30** services and at the beginning of the **11:00** service. After commissioning at the beginning of the 11:00 service, graduates will be dismissed to lunch and presentations in the Fellowship Hall.

Graduates should be ready to meet in the children’s café by 9:00am for commissioning at the end of the 8:30 service. Graduates are invited but not required to wear cap and gown and are invited to sit together on the front two rows during the 9:30 & 11:00 services.

Parents and graduates who will be attending the “Graduate Commissioning Services at RBC” will need to go to www.rosemontchurch.org/teens/graduation and complete the graduation registration by **Sunday, May 6th**. This will allow us to be prepared with names, colleges, career goals, etc. If you are attending the “Family Banquet” following the commissioning services, students and parents are encouraged to prepare life verses and spiritual blessings. Details about these will be on the online registration.

We are praying for you and your family as you step into this next life journey. I pray that God leads your family with grace and mercy. May God provide your family with peace, wisdom, and provision.

Please RSVP by completing this graduation registration
www.rosemontchurch.org/teens/graduation

Sincerely,

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Commission to Missional Living

For Graduating High School Seniors

Sunday, May 20th at Rosemont Baptist Church

Tentative schedule of RBC worship services

8:30 Worship Service

- Graduates are invited to meet in children's café by 9:00am (in cap & gown)
- After the sermon, graduates will be invited to come forward & stand at the front all together
- Church will be invited to lay hands on the graduates for prayer of commissioning

9:30 Worship Service

- Students are invited to sit together on the front two rows prior to service start
- Parents are invited to attend this service with graduates
- After the sermon, graduates will be invited to come forward & stand at the front all together
- Names, college pursuits, & life verses will be read about each student
- Parents and church will be invited to lay hands on the graduates for prayer of commissioning

11:00 Worship Service

- Students are invited to sit together on the front two rows prior to service start
- After 1st or 2nd song graduates will be invited to come forward & stand at the front all together
- Names, college pursuits, and life verses will be read about each student
- Parents and church will be invited to lay hands on the graduates for prayer of commissioning
- Graduates will be dismissed for the "Family Banquet" in the Fellowship Hall

Preparation for parents and graduates (We will need these items by Sunday, May 6th)

For Commissioning Services

- Register for Graduate Commissioning Services at www.rosemontchurch.org/teens/graduation
- Gather three digital pictures of your graduate & e-mail them to rbcteensgo@gmail.com

For the Family Banquet

- Decorations for your family table, for example photos, trophies, and memorabilia
- Parents should write one funny story about your graduate
- Parents should write a letter of spiritual blessing that will be read to the graduate by parents
- Graduates should write out one "life verse" to be shared by the graduate during presentations

Dates to mark on your calendar

- Sunday, May 6th Deadline for registration, signup & preparation
- Sunday, May 20th Graduate Commissioning Services & Family Banquet

Life Verse

The life verse will be read during each commissioning service along with the graduate's name and college pursuits. Your graduate should choose one Bible verse that contains a principle or truth they desire to keep close to heart as they press on to Biblical adulthood.

Funny Story

The funny story will be read during the "Family Banquet". Parents, please write a one or two paragraph funny story about your graduate from anytime in their childhood or teen years. It will be read as a part of an activity.

The Spiritual Blessing

There will be a time set aside, during the "Family Banquet", for families to gather around their graduates for prayer and spiritual blessing. I have provided an outline to help guide your thoughts and encouragements. This outline is based on Biblical examples of fathers giving spiritual blessings to their sons. You are free to have it written out by hand, typed and framed, given as a letter, or quite simply shared from the heart. Following the time of blessing, families will be encouraged to gather around their graduate and pray these blessings over them. Please take your time and rejoice in another great opportunity to instill God's glorious truth into the heart of your graduate.

1. ENCOURAGEMENT: express, praise, gratitude, pride, & love
2. VISION: share what qualities and potential you see in them
3. CHALLENGE: give them one or two things to remember no matter what
4. PROMISE: give conditional & unconditional promises about your involvement in their future