

Beginning in Sixth Grade...

SUNDAYS

A brand new event designed specifically for students. Each Sunday night begins with snack supper (\$3) and then moves into a high energy time of group challenges and exciting games, powerful music and worship, and creative and interactive teaching targeted for encourage and inspire today's young people.

The Main Event

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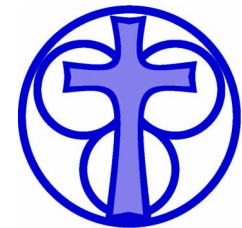
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Confirmation
(grades 5-6)

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Our mission is to partner with God to transform the world by offering HELP, HOPE, and HEALING through Jesus Christ. Our process? Simple...

- ↕ **Build our relationship with God**
- ↔ **Build our relationship with each**
- **Put our faith into action**

CROSS-TRAINERS



Cross-Trainers is Hixson UMC's Confirmation Ministry designed especially for students in the fifth and sixth grades. Confirmation is one of the first significant moments when we affirm the faith into which we were baptized. During this two-year journey students affirm the Scriptures, the teachings, and the heritage of the church as Christians and as United Methodists. They learn what it means to be a Christian today as they hear stories of other faithful Christ-followers and discuss what it means for them. Confirmation is not a graduation exercise in which a person goes to class, learns doctrine, and graduates into full membership of the church. Rather, confirmation brings into focus the life of discipleship and helps students discover the meaning of a lifelong journey with Christ.

Research has shown that nearly 70% of teenagers drop out of youth ministry after confirmation. We are working hard to change that statistic. As students enter the sixth grade (while they are still in confirmation), they are invited to fully participate in the life of Hixson Student Ministry. This time allows them to begin building friendships with other youth and a deeper connection to the life of the church that can serve as a strong foundation for a lifelong commitment of faith. Likewise, fifth graders in Cross-Trainers begin hearing great "youth group" stories that build excitement and anticipation for their own rite of passage into Student Ministry.

Sunday School Focuses

Sunday School is the main time that Cross-Trainers meet each week. During this two-year journey, students experience active, hands-on curriculum through both Scriptural and topical lessons that help them connect with God, the church and each other. Students also participate in several mission opportunities.

SUNDAYS: 9:45 TO 10:45AM
MEETS IN ROOM G-12

Each year Cross-Trainers go on a weekend retreat to celebrate the year and grow together in faith. During this retreat, students are given an opportunity to pursue full membership in the church through Confirmation. This retreat often becomes one of the first significant spiritual memories for young people.

USUALLY THE THIRD WEEKEND IN
MAY AT JOHNSTON WOODS

Spring Retreat

CURRICULUM

Cross-Trainers uses a rotating curriculum from three different sources. Combined, these provide a thorough, well rounded model of learning that helps students make integrate faith and life, and build a lasting connection to God, the church and each other.

Curriculum Sources:

- **Claim the Name:** The official confirmation curriculum of the United Methodist Church.
- **Live B.I.G. (Believing in God):** A DVD enhanced curriculum designed to engage pre-teens toward a deeper understanding of Jesus and the impact he can have on their lives.
- **Friendship First:** Group building sessions that help students build lasting friendships.

Lessons include:

- Who is Jesus?
- What is Salvation?
- Baptism and Confirmation
- The Bible (as a tool and a guide)
- Worship and Holy Communion
- Let us Pray
- Faith: Trust, Believe, Commit
- New Life in Christ
- The Church's History
- Methodist Heritage
- AND MUCH MORE!