

Dear Parents of Middle and High School Students,

I hope you and your family enjoyed time together during our recent snowstorm! I'm someone who loves the snow, but even more than that, I missed gathering together last Sunday. As we enter the month of February, I'm excited for what lies ahead in our student ministry.

Please be in prayer for our Student Winter Retreat. On Friday, February 6, a group of 53 students and leaders will be heading to Pine Creek Retreat Center for a weekend of fellowship, worship, and studying God's Word together. I'm excited to see how the Lord will use this time in the lives of our students. Below is an overview of what else we have coming up this month.

Student Equip Schedule

Due to last Sunday's snowstorm, our Student Equip calendar has been slightly adjusted. All studies for the Winter/Spring semester were simply pushed back one week. As a result, our study through the covenants of Scripture will now carry us through the end of February.

Please note that there will be no Student Equip on February 8, as we will be traveling back from the Winter Retreat.

- February 1 | The Mosaic Covenant
- February 8 | No Student Equip (Winter Retreat)
- February 15 | The Davidic Covenant
- February 22 | The New Covenant in Christ

February Highlight Dates

With the exception of the Winter Retreat weekend, Highlight will meet consistently on Sunday nights throughout the month of February. We will continue our study through the book of 1 Peter, *Hope and Holiness in a Hostile Culture*. Below is the Highlight schedule for the month:

- February 1 | Highlight "Anything But a Bowl" Cereal Night (1 Peter 1:13-21)
- February 8 | No Highlight (Winter Retreat)
- February 15 | Highlight Worship Night (1 Peter 1:22-2:10)
- February 22 | Highlight Worship Night (1 Peter 2:11-3:7)

Recommended Resources of the Month

Following our most recent Family Equip class in December, I want to continue sharing resources that can help your family grow in the practice of family worship. Family worship refers to a time when the family comes together during the day to read Scripture, pray, and

sing together. This is a practice that has been modeled for us in Scripture and throughout church history.

If some of your New Year's resolutions have not taken shape the way you hoped, there is always an opportunity to begin building a new habit. One resource I highly recommend is [Habits of the Household](#) by Justin Whitmel Earley. This book offers practical wisdom for forming simple, meaningful habits that can shape everyday family life.

Another resource many of you have heard me mention is [The Sing! Hymnal](#) from Crossway. My family purchased this last fall, and we try to use it regularly to end our day by singing together to the Lord. It has been a helpful tool, even for a non-musical family like mine, to engage in the joy and discipline of singing.

As always, if there are any ways I can be praying for you or your family, please do not hesitate to reach out.

By God's grace and for his glory!

Justin Lorig

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Lorig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "J" and "L" being particularly prominent.