



# Spring Retreat

Saturday and Sunday, April 11 - 12, Asbury UMC Campus

## Schedule

### Saturday Morning

- 9:30AM: Drop Off (Youth Room)
- 10:00AM: Session 1 Family Groups
- 12:00PM: Lunch

### Saturday Afternoon

- 1:00PM: Session 2 Family Groups
- Free Time
- 5:00PM: Dinner

### Saturday Evening

- 6:30PM: Session 3 Family Groups
- 8:00PM: Dance Party

### Sunday

- Wake Up & Pack
- 8:30AM: Breakfast
- 9:00AM: Picture/Morning Watch
- 11:00AM: Modern Worship
- Noon: Pick up (Luggage will be in Youth Room)

## Packing List

### What To Bring...

- Confirmation Bible
- Clothes & shoes that can get dirty (watch the weather)
- Air mattress and sleeping bag (we'll be sleeping on the floor)
- Toiletries (soap, towel, toothbrush etc. \*\*Deodorant PLEASE ☺ \*\*)
- A good flexible attitude!

### What NOT To Bring...

- Expensive stuff (we can't be responsible for items)
- Phones or electronics (if your child has a device, we'll collect it)
- Spending money
- Chocolate chip cookie for Pastor Robert
- TV

## Leaders

Robert Mercer  
Rodney Cox  
Abby Rossnagel  
Small group leaders  
High school leaders

Special Speakers: Margaret Grubic  
and Austin Lerner-Gay

## Meds

- Medications must be turned in (in original packaging)
- Medication form – every event

*Emergency Medical Form – when you register for this event, look for a link to the form your confirmation email.*

**REGISTER  
NOW!**



## Letter Experience

One of the most meaningful parts of the Confirmation Retreat is a letter from you to your child, expressing your love and pride. This is your opportunity to share from the heart—your hopes before your child was born, how they have shaped your family, and the joy they bring to your life. You might reflect on memories, their unique qualities, or how you see God working in them.



**The goal is to remind them how deeply they are loved and what a blessing they are. If you're unsure where to begin, the prompts below can help guide you.**

## Writing Your (Hopefully Handwritten!) Letter

### Opening the Letter

- How did you feel when you first found out you were going to be a parent to this child?
- What were some of your hopes and dreams for them when they were born?
- Is there a special memory from their childhood that captures who they are?

### Affirming Their Unique Qualities

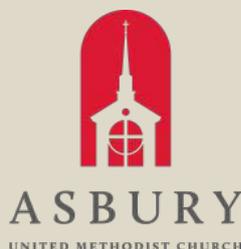
- What are three qualities that make your child special?
- How has your child brought joy, laughter, or strength to your family?
- What is something about your child that makes you proud?
- In what ways do you see God working in their life?

### Encouraging Their Faith Journey

- How has your faith shaped your life, and what do you hope for your child's faith journey?
- What is a Bible verse, prayer, or piece of wisdom you would like them to carry with them?
- How do you see your child living out love, kindness, or faith in their daily life?
- What are some ways you have seen their faith grow over the years?

### Blessing & Encouragement for the Future

- What are your prayers and hopes for their future?
- If you could tell them one thing to always remember, what would it be?
- What do you want them to know about their place in your family and in God's family?



**Please return your letter by Wednesday, April 1.  
Bring it to the church office or mail it to:  
Asbury UMC  
c/o Confirmation Retreat  
6690 Cahaba Valley Road  
Birmingham, AL 35242**