



April 9, 2025

Dear Parent(s),

Well, May is almost upon us and we have several things to do for Senior Sunday in the next couple of weeks.

SENIOR DISPLAYS (Setup on Sunday morning, May 4th before worship)

We provide you with a tri-fold display board and it is available to be picked up. These displays are set up by you and intended to celebrate your child's life. Some suggestions for decorating your senior's display are pictures, trophies, certificates, favorite toy growing up, favorite candy, and other items that celebrate the life of your child. The space available will be half of a 30" x 72" table. The completed displays will be out all day on Sunday (including the morning Recognition Service and the Banquet) for people to see.

IN WORSHIP SERVICE & DURING CLASS (Sunday, May 4th)

During the Sunday morning service, we will present Bibles to the seniors after the sermon. We will call seniors up one at a time, give them their Bible, and pray a blessing over them. Then, before and during class time, everyone will have an opportunity to visit with the seniors and view their displays.

AT THE BANQUET (Sunday, May 4th)

That evening, we will host our Senior Banquet (in the Gym) at 6pm and have dinner, a slideshow, and opportunities for pictures with family and friends. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$7 for kids 12 & under. If purchased online, each ticket is \$1 more. **There is no charge for your graduate and 3 others.** Anyone else you would like to invite will need to purchase a ticket **no later than Sunday, April 27th** by clicking on the "Senior Sunday" button found on the front page of BYGMinistries.com or the following link: <https://beltonchurch.breezechms.com/form/SrBanquet>. Due to limited space, each family is only allowed up to 8 additional tickets for family and friends. It is possible more tickets may be available. Please talk to me if you believe you will need more than your allotted 12 tickets.

The next part is VERY important. I'd like you to write and record a letter to your teen. The letter will be played for them during the slideshow displaying your child's pictures. Your letter can express fond memories, stories, encouragements, etc. that you would like to tell your child. Please include a blessing at the end of your letter. For the sake of time, I ask that you please keep your letter to one page (front) per family. If you are divorced, then a maximum of two 1-page letters should be recorded per family. Thank you for your understanding in this. Please plan on having this letter completed and recorded **absolutely no later than Sunday evening, April 27th**. You can record it on your phone and email the audio file to me. If you need help with this, I'd be glad to assist you.

AT THE LAST HS DEVO (Sunday, May 18th)

Our younger teens will have the opportunity to express their appreciation to the seniors. We are also asking our seniors to leave something behind to "leave their mark" on the group in a very permanent and concrete way. Your senior has more details about the devo in their letter (included with this one).

I realize that this is a lot of information, and some things are requested from you in a very short amount of time.

If you have any questions regarding Senior Sunday's activities, feel free to give me a call. I have attached an Activity Checklist to help you keep track of everything. This is a very exciting time and we will do our best to make it special for both you and your senior!

In His Service,

Bruce Beaver

Attached: Activity Checklist, Letter to Graduate



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Dear Senior,

Well, May is almost upon us and we have several things to do for Senior Sunday in the next couple of weeks.

SENIOR DISPLAYS (Setup on Sunday morning, May 4th before worship)

These displays are intended to celebrate your life. Some suggestions for decorating your display are pictures, trophies, certificates, favorite toy growing up, favorite candy, and other items that celebrate your life. We will provide you with a tri-fold display board. You can come by and get one from my office or the youth room. We will have tables set up for you. Each person gets half of a 30" x 72" table for your senior display. The displays will be out all day on Sunday (including the morning Recognition Service and the Banquet) for people to see.

IN WORSHIP SERVICE & DURING CLASS (Sunday, May 4th)

During the morning service, we will spend time honoring you. After the sermon, we will call you up one at a time and present your Bible to you. I'd like you to wear your cap and gown when we call you up front. However, this needs to be an "all or none" kind of deal. If one of the seniors doesn't have their cap and gown that morning or doesn't want to, everyone will just walk up in the clothes you have on. After morning services, we will encourage people to go visit with you near your display.

AT THE BANQUET (Sunday, May 4th)

We will host our Senior Banquet in the Gym at 6pm. A letter from your parents will be read/played during the slide show of pictures of you. I'm also asking YOU to write & record a short, 1-page (front) letter to your parent(s). You can express gratitude, appreciation, or anything else you would like to say to your parent(s). Your letter will be played after your parent's letter has been read. I need this absolutely no later than Sunday, April 28th. You can record it on your phone and then email the letter and audio file to me. Again, please plan on having this letter completed **absolutely no later than Sunday evening, April 27th**.

AT THE LAST HS DEVO (Sunday, May 18th)

Our younger teens will have the opportunity to express their appreciation to you in various ways. ***The next two things are to remain a secret until that day AND will serve as part of your legacy within the group.***

1) I'd like you to give something to the youth group that represents you, your personality, your role in the group, your favorite thing about the group, or whatever you would like. This allows each of you to "leave your mark" on the group in a very permanent and concrete way. Don't feel the need to buy something. If you're unsure about what to leave, talk to me and I can give you some suggestions. We have a special area reserved in the BYG Room for these gifts so be thinking about exactly what you would like to leave.

2) During the devo, you will receive a candle to give to a member of the youth group. The candle you give serves as a "passing on the torch" for that person to carry on (in leadership, service, example, humor, etc.) in your stead. Be prepared to briefly explain why they are receiving the candle from you.

I realize that this is a lot of information at once and some things are requested from you in a very short amount of time. If you have any questions regarding the activities of Senior Sunday, please feel free to give me a call. Again, this is a very exciting time and we will do our best to make it special for both you and your parents!

In His Service,

Bruce Beaver