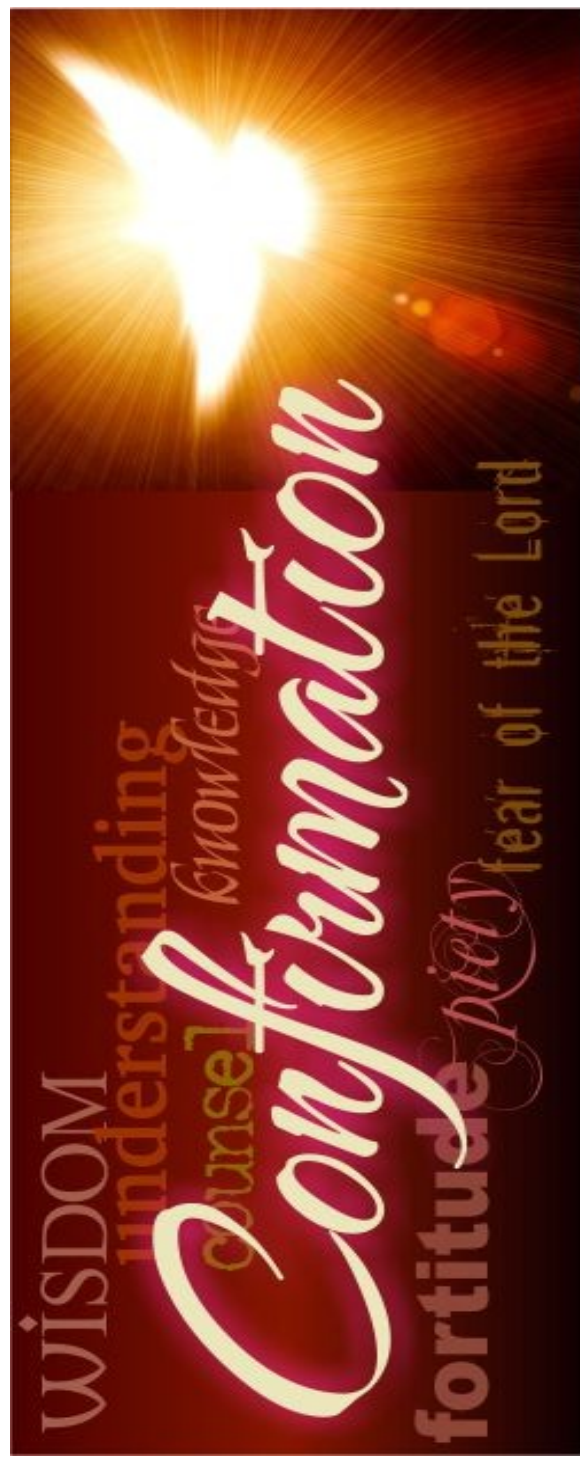
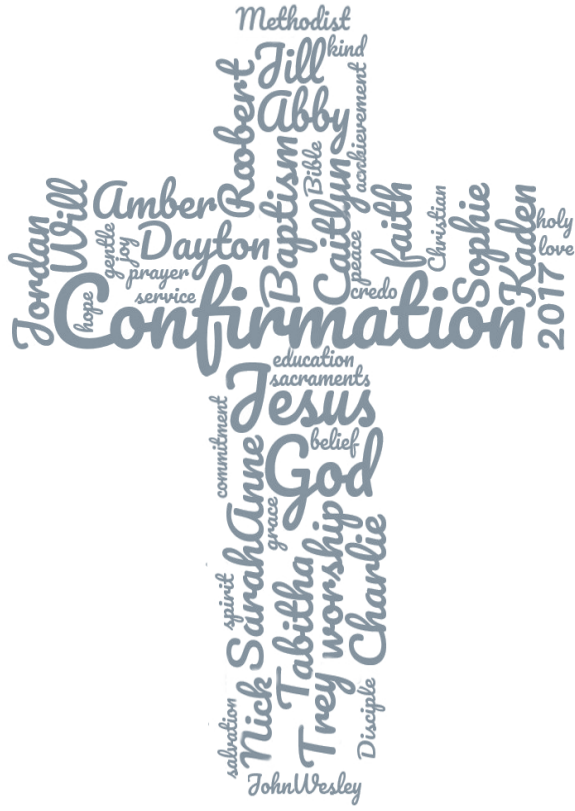


# Confirmation Registration Form

Student's First name: \_\_\_\_\_ middle: \_\_\_\_\_ last: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
Baptized? (Yes) (No) If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_ Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Attending Confirmation Retreat to St. Simons Island and Savannah? (Yes) (No) (Undecided)

Confirmation students will receive a t-shirt that has the names of everyone in the class printed in the form of a cross on the back of the shirt.



## What Exactly is Confirmation?

Confirmation is a wonderful tradition of the Methodist Church. It literally means “to make solid or firm.” Confirmation is more than just joining the church. It’s about choosing the promises made at baptism and helping your child claim the name faithful...claim the name Christian ..claim the name Methodist.

**First**, students will have an opportunity to firmly establish and confirm their faith in Jesus Christ!

**Second**, students will learn more about our church and its rich heritage, and during a special graduation ceremony they will join the Winder First Methodist church family.

## How Old Should I Be?

Confirmation classes are designed for students who are entering the 6th grade. Students who may have missed the opportunity to be confirmed when they were in the 6th grade are also welcomed to attend Confirmation classes.

## What If I Have or Haven't Been Baptized?

Many students were baptized as infants or young children. Confirmation offers them an opportunity to make a personal decision to accept and proclaim their faith in Christ.

Students who have never been baptized have the opportunity to be baptized during the Confirmation graduation ceremony held in the sanctuary.

## When and Where Will The Classes be Taught?

Confirmation classes begin on the first Sunday in January and end two Sundays before Easter. Students will be confirmed on Palm Sunday at the 11am traditional service. Classes are taught on Sunday mornings from 10:00-10:45 a.m. in room 221, which is located on the second floor of the Education Building.

## What is Confirmation Destination Unknown?

On Wednesday evenings from 6:30 until 8:00pm we take the church van and travel to destinations around Winder. We do not tell the students where we are going. For example we might visit a bakery and the Bible lesson that evening would be about Jesus teaching on Him being the bread of life.

## How Do I Register?

To register your child for Confirmation classes please fill out the attached registration form and return it to the church office.

## For More Information

### Please Contact:

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## Where are we going on the Conf. Retreat?

The Confirmation retreat will be held at the historic Epworth by the Sea Methodist Conference Center in St. Simons, Georgia on the second weekend in February. We will also be spending one day in Savannah.

While on the retreat your child will be attending two confirmation classes and learning the history of the island. St. Simons Island is where the roots of the Methodist Church began in America. We also will be visiting the Moore Methodist Museum, Christ Church, Fort Frederica National Park, the St. Simons Lighthouse, and the beach front park. On Sunday morning we will worship at the St. Simons United Methodist Church.

The cost for the retreat will be announced at the parent and student orientation meeting. *The cost* will cover three nights lodging and meals at the retreat center on St. Simons Island.

