

Mentor Q&A

Q. What is a mentor?

A. A mentor is “an experienced and trusted adviser” who prays for their youth, helps nurture their faith, and builds a relationship with their designated youth which will help the youth grow into their role in the church.

Q. What makes a good mentor?

A. There is no particular template for a good mentor. God has given each of us different gifts and uses all of us in different ways. A mentor should be a member of the church, preferably of the same gender as the youth, with whom you have some comfort or can envision getting to know. A mentor should be a willing participant in sharing their faith journey with a youth. A mentor should not be a staff person or related to the confirmation student.

Q. What are the responsibilities of a mentor?

A. The confirmation teachers ask that mentors supplement the class by meeting with their designated youth once a month. We encourage mentors and youth to meet on and off campus, but always with the permission of parents. Please try to worship together at least once during the year. We recommend meeting before Sunday School or after worship or maybe even during our Wednesday Night Alive or volunteering together during one of our service projects. Mentors are asked to please share experiences and faith honestly and openly.

Q. How will my mentor and I know what to talk about?

A. Mentors will be given worksheets to guide what to discuss during your time together. In the spring, the youth will be required to write a faith statement. Some assignments in this workbook will help them build on their beliefs and develop a statement of what they know and believe about their faith.

Q. Is there any paperwork for my mentor to fill out?

A. All volunteers with youth and children must complete the Child and Youth Protection Policy Training. Once a person has agreed to be a mentor, Shannon will contact them about the process.