

Parents of 8th – 12th Grade Students

We love partnering with you in your teen's spiritual life. I am excited to share with you that as a student ministry we plan to attend **Challenge 2018** this coming summer. **Challenge 2018** is the Evangelical Free Church of America's national youth conference held every other year.

Why Challenge 2018?

There are several reasons why our youth ministry chose Challenge as our summer event:

1. Challenge is gospel-centered. We, at Hope Students earnestly desire that all our events begin and end with solid Gospel-centered teaching.
2. Challenge equips students to stand confidently in their faith.
3. Challenge provides post-event tools for each student to help them continue to pursue Jesus after the conference.
4. Challenge allows students to honestly evaluate their current walk in their faith and helps them take next steps.
5. Challenge offers space for our youth ministry team to connect with students on a deeper level—helping us, as youth leaders, to continue to minister to each teenager. We love partnering in walking through life with your student.

Challenge 2018's theme is **Bold Moves**. Students are invited to explore the attitudes and practices of Jesus as revealed in the gospels. Jesus' bold moves launched what is arguably the greatest movement of all time. **Challenge 2018** will help each individual student, as well as our entire youth group to assess, evaluate and name what bold move we will take with Christ in this season of our lives.

Our group will be traveling to Kansas City by vans. We'll stay in hotels near the convention center where **Challenge 2018** is held. Additionally, students will have opportunities to serve in the city alongside trusted ministry partners.

Our leadership team hopes you will seriously consider supporting your child in attending **Challenge 2018**. It is an opportunity I don't want anyone to miss. If you have any questions about this event, please email me at pastorgreg@hefc.net

In Him,

Greg Lynas
Pastor of Student Ministry
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Who: Students **currently in 8th - 12th grade**

Dates: (includes travel): **July 2nd - 7th or 8th** (some details still being sorted)

Cost: (The actual cost of this trip is \$610 per person. That includes hotel, conference fees, meals, and travel expenses. However, because of some funds supplied by our generous congregation, **we are able to offer this trip for a cost of \$450** up to 10 students, which fills our church van. This is actually a really good cost for a cross country trip of this quality, but we understand that it is still a significant expense for families, and yet we believe strongly that it is very worth the spiritual investment in these students. If we have more than 10 students who want to go, the cost might increase a little per student because we would have to rent a second van. We just want to make sure that parents are fully informed. We will provide some fundraising ideas as the team comes together.

To express your interest in attending the trip please fill out this form and turn it in to Greg. He will then get you any relevant information as team communications go out.

Student Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Parent Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____