



WESTHILL
Student Ministry

So you are probably wondering what you got roped into and how long it will last. Yes, I know how you think. I will get to that in a minute. Part of the job of a successful student ministry is to connect students with older mentors in the church who will commit to a relationship with a student. This is where you come in. You have been asked by these students because they look to you as a mentor and example of Christ. I am asking to change nothing, but to continue along this path. Understanding this student sees you as a mentor, be even more intentional about your relationship with them.

In student ministry we are finding more and more students are walking away from their faith because of a lack of connections. Students go in different directions and the ones who stay home following graduation feel like everything has changed. My hope is these relationships which are beginning now would be nurtured and matured throughout junior high and high school and on into college. For the students who stay home following graduation, they would automatically have relationships besides other students, to help them plug into the life of the church body. For the student who goes off to school, they would have someone checking on them, encouraging them in their walk, praying for them and even helping them to find a church to get connected with. Yes this is a big commitment, a long term commitment but a crucial commitment for the life of this student. I believe Paul's words to the Thessalonians when he says, We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us. 1 Thessalonians 2:8 NIV This is all I am asking of you, sharing your life and caring for this student just as if they were your own.

We will have a meeting next Wednesday, May 16 at 6:30 PM in FLC 3. We will talk about the ceremony on Saturday, May 19th. You will need to plan on being there on the 19th by 10:45 AM. We will be finished that morning before noon.

Because of the Cross,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.