**Designing Grad Blessing 2019**

*Let’s make a big deal about our seniors, but not just recognizing their graduation. Let’s honor them by pointing them toward their future and helping them now have conversations and decisions that will help their faith stick with them after they leave home*

Our goals are:

* Recognize High School Graduates in a worship service, let their parents prayer a blessing prayer over them and have the congregation pray for them
* Help parents encourage their children spiritually when they leave home “Leaving home with a faith that sticks!”
* Cast a vision for other significant spiritual encouragers to be mindful of checking on them in the years after high school. These sponsors or spiritual encouragers would be invited to the brunch.
* Give every senior a Bible from the church, yet marked with special verses by their parents and other significant relatives to personalize it
* Give any senior who would like a blanket ($10) that is monogramed with their Bible verse of choosing.

The design so far:

* June 2nd is date set.
* 9:00 worship service for blessing. We will have seniors’ pictures in worship center before both services to remind the congregation of their seniors. We will ask to pray for them. (Heather collects photos. Roger talks to Tyler)
* 10:30 brunch for seniors, family and spiritual encouragers. Pictures here also. (Roger talks to Robin about Brunch, gets budget information. Amanda talks to Lara about decorations but oversees this area.)
* We have a panel and conversation similar to last year.
  + Finalize speakers and content April 3: Mike, Amanda, Roger
  + Considering: Spencer, Mary, Mac, Emily
  + Roger and Mike meet to discuss content mid-May
* Will be free. Want people to feel blessed.
* Publicity package is discussed with Josiah to see if we would recommend that they take the project.
* We use Bibles from last year until used up. Offered as gifts. Ask for communications to make bookmarks to mark their Bibles.
* Deb agreed to do blankets again for those who request. Blankets can be ordered directly by emailing Deb McCaslin. Cost is $10. Include name and scripture written out. Orders by May1st. Then ultimate last deadline is May 25th.
* Heather handles communications unless Communications department recommends otherwise.