



Dear Parents and Youth,

Focus Student Ministry would like to invite you to utilize Remind 101 in order to maintain adequate communication and ensure the deliverance of timely updates regarding our youth group.

Remind 101 allows parents and students to receive notifications via text, email, and/or app/website. During setup, you can decide which method will be most convenient for you (note: standard messaging rates may apply for text messaging). Remind 101 also allows students, leaders, and parents to communicate with one another without distributing personal contact information. However, any child under 13 will only be able to receive general announcements, and will not be able to send or receive private messages.

Utilizing Remind 101 enables us to communicate bible verses and encouraging words to the students throughout the week pertaining to our lessons. The goal is to support our youth as they strive to maintain their focus on Christ, and encourage them to continually apply these lessons in their everyday lives. Remind 101 also allows us to customize communication according to each family's desires. Parents will have the option to receive all notifications, weekly updates, or monthly updates. (Apart from weekly and monthly updates, additional notifications will consist of bible verses, encouragement, and reminders for students).

Though you are welcome and able, you do not have to download the app or log in to Remind 101 after signing up. If you opt to receive messages via text or email, you can simply respond directly to the notification and we will receive your message through Remind 101.

General reminders and notifications will be created so that **only leaders** will receive your responses. If there are circumstances that would benefit from group communication, we have the ability to do this through Remind 101. However, we will **always** notify you if this is the case. If you choose to respond to one of these messages, everyone will receive your response. They will only be able to see your name and message, not your contact information. (Group conversations between parents will only be used at the request of the parents, and with the permission of all involved. You never have to worry about your response being received by non-leaders without your permission).

We ask that you please sign and return the form attached. This will ensure that any child on Remind 101 has permission from a parent/guardian. This will also help us to customize your notifications. If you choose to use Remind 101, either text [@dacfocus](https://www.remind.com/join/dacfocus) to 81010 or visit <https://www.remind.com/join/dacfocus>. (Note: you will have to complete this process twice if you choose to sign up for yourself and your child.)

If at any time you wish to leave Remind 101, simply message us that you would like to be removed and we can remove you from the class. If you choose not to use Remind 101, we are happy to continue updating you via email. We hope you will join us in this opportunity to improve communication as we strive to encourage our youth in their faith journeys. Feel free to reach out with any questions you may have.

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Please check all that apply:

- I Give Permission For My Child to Utilize Remind 101
- I *Do Not* Give Permission For My Child to Utilize Remind 101
- I (the parent/guardian) am signing up for Remind 101
- I (the parent/guardian) am *not* signing up for Remind 101

I (the parent/guardian) want to receive:

- Every message my child receives
- Weekly Updates
- Monthly Updates

Student's Name (Printed)

Date

Parent/Guardian (Printed)

Parent/Guardian Signature