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Dear Graduate and Parent(s),

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! What a monumental achievement this is in your life! I cannot overemphasize what a blessing it has been to have walked alongside many of you during these past couple years in the Student Ministries at Highland Community Church. It has truly been a privilege to serve you during your time in Generation180 and to see how the Lord has shaped you and grown you over those years. My heartfelt prayer is that He continues the work He began in you and that you would follow Him with all your heart during this next stage of life.

Included with this letter is an invitation for two graduation events we have just for you. I would like to provide additional details of those events in this letter. Please do not forget to RSVP to these events by way of your Graduation Information Form, phone call, or email.

Our first event is our Youth (Graduation) Sunday church service on Sunday, June 3. This largely youth-led service will include a time of graduate recognition. **On or before May 2** each graduate must submit 3-4 photos along with their completed Graduate Information Form. The photos and information will be entered into a on-screen presentation to be displayed during the graduate recognition portion of the service. Original photos will be scanned and returned to the families. You may also email all jpeg photos to Sarah Names at snames@highlandcommunitychurch.com. All graduates should wear their graduation cap and gown during the service and plan on sitting together in the front. **Please meet in the front of the church at 8:45 a.m. for instructions prior to the service starting at 9:00 a.m. Graduates will be sitting in alphabetical order in the front rows of church.**

Our second event is the cake reception for graduates and families following the June 3rd church service, which will be held in the Café Room at Highland. Each graduate should select one person (parent, grandparent, youth leader, or otherwise), to give a 3-4 minute challenge or launching of the graduate into his/her future as a man/woman of God (may include prayers, hopes, dreams for him/her). At the end of these "commissionings," I will ask all the parents and graduates to come forward together as I, as well as the other leaders who are present, pray over you and ask God to not only bless but also lead you in the days ahead.

My prayer is that these events will be a blessing to graduates as well as parents and will help prepare these young people for a lifetime of loving and serving Jesus Christ with all of their heart, soul, mind, and strength. I look forward to hearing from you regarding your involvement with these activities!

God bless,

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