

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Once or twice a year during FLY we will be hosting "Faith Alive" months. During these times we will still gather for dinner, games, and fellowship but our devotional time will look a little different. During these months we will study a single subject or topic in a more in depth way. We will look at some challenging topics and discuss what we believe as Christians, how God's word gives us truth and clarity, and how that impacts our daily lives.

In our October Faith Alive month, *The Resurrection of the Body*, we will be focusing on one of the central promises of our Christian faith: that because Jesus rose from the dead, we too will rise to new and everlasting life in Him.

As part of this study, students will be talking openly about death, grief, and the hope we have in Christ. Some of our activities and discussions will include:

- Looking at what the Bible teaches about eternal life and the resurrection.
- Discussing Christian funerals and the symbols of hope we use in the church.
- Reflecting on how God's promises comfort us in the face of loss.

Because these lessons touch on death and dying, your child may come home with questions or comments that feel heavier than our usual FLY topics. Our goal is not to burden or frighten students, but to give them a strong grounding in the hope and comfort we share as Christians: that death does not have the last word, because Christ is risen.

I encourage you to use this as an opportunity to talk with your child about your own faith, your family's experiences with death or funerals, and the comfort that God gives us in His Word. Please know that I am available if you would like to ask questions about the material or talk through any concerns.

We walk together in Christ's promise:

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."
John 11:25

In Christ,
Deaconess Rachell Highley