

Hi 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

We are going to miss your 5th graders, but we're excited for them to step into Thrive 😊

**5th Grade Promotion to Thrive Student Ministries** will take place on **Sunday, June 7**. Your student will officially move into Thrive (6th–12th grade).

### **Where to Go**

Thrive meets in the room behind the café for large group and then breaks into grade- and gender-based small groups.

### **Check-In & Dismissal**

We encourage parents to walk in with your student the first few weeks to meet leaders. After that:

- Self-check-in using the same iPad system as Kids Ministry
- Self-check-out at the end of programming
- Please discuss with your student ahead of time about where to meet after the service.

### **Safety**

Thrive follows the same safety policies as Kids Ministry, including having at least two background-checked adult leaders present.

### **Spiritual Growth**

Students continue learning through *The Gospel Project*, and both Kids Ministry and Thrive cover the same topic each Sunday—so family conversations can stay connected.

### **Beyond Sundays + WNC**

Thrive also offers oodles of additional opportunities—like Survivor Night, Camp CIT, Pizza Nights, and other hangouts. Starting in September, students are also invited to join WNC—our midweek program. More details will be shared as we get closer!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Pastor Caleb @ [Caleb@oakwoodnow.org](mailto:Caleb@oakwoodnow.org)—or just reply to this email. I'm happy to help during this transition.

Joyfully His,

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