

The letter below was sent to the high school seniors at our church, Eagles Landing First Baptist Church. This letter is given to let you get an idea what Mark tells his students. We pick a Wednesday night before they graduate and make the service about them. Our Wednesday night service is called REFUGE

Hey Seniors!

I know your worlds are crazy right now and you really needed one more thing to read, right? So I'll keep this short. On Wednesday, May 19th we will celebrate with you guys with a Senior REFUGE. We're gonna show you guys some love with a slide show and testimony time thanking you guys for your investment in the student ministry here.

Here's the Cool Part. This year we will begin the tradition of "passing the torch." I want each of you to begin thinking and praying about a student that you see Jesus in. This student is someone who you think is definitely going to be a spiritual leader in the student ministry. This student may be middle school or high school. This is not a popularity award. This is a defining moment in a person's life when they are encouraged by someone older. The person you chose is someone who is growing in their walk with Christ and is active in ministry at ELFBC. Here's what you will do:

You will write them a letter and thank them for their ministry here and challenge them to grow in their walk with Jesus. Tell the story of their ministry in your life. Do not give the name of the person until the end, when you call them to the front and present your torch (and your letter) to them. They will probably keep it for years as a reminder that someone saw Jesus in them.

On Sunday, May 16th, I will come around to your small groups and collect the names of those you will present your torch. On Wednesday night you can pick up the torch before the service. We'll talk about it in your small groups Sunday and meet that Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. as well.

Love them Like Jesus,

Mark