



Dear Parents,

Your child will soon be a graduate of the Class of 2021. What an accomplishment! I know you are very proud, and I want you to know that we share those same feelings. This is a major milestone marking the completion of childhood and the beginning of adulthood. It's time to celebrate!

Sunday, May 23, will be Graduate Recognition Day at Second Baptist. We will set aside some time to honor and celebrate graduates and their families. The whole church will have a chance to congratulate them in the morning during the 11:00 Worship Service. They will march in wearing their graduation gowns, caps, and awards and be recognized during a portion of the service. We will have a smaller, more intimate celebration with immediate family members and Small Group Leaders at a lunch reception following the service.

For the reception, we will show a video of our graduates. I need your help to provide **2-5 pictures**. One picture needs to be a "baby" picture, and another will be a "Senior Picture." The Senior Picture does NOT have to necessarily be a cap and gown photo, just one from senior year. If possible, the pictures need to be labeled by age sequence. We need these pictures by May 16 at the latest. Pictures can be accepted in different formats, but electronic would be best. Please email them to me (ed.gidewall@lancastersbc.org) Melanie (melanie.sanders@lancastersbc.org), or Beth (beth.center@lancastersbc.org). If need be, we can scan hard copies at the church office during business hours Monday through Friday. Along with the pictures, I need to have the **Senior Information Sheet** by May 16. Immediate family is invited to a lunch reception in the FMC to honor your Senior following the morning worship service. To aid in our preparation for seating and food ordering, please put the number of guests, including yourself and your graduate, on the Senior Information Sheet. Return the sheet to me personally, by email, or by dropping it off in the box outside my office door.

Please make a note of the following deadlines to ensure the day runs as smoothly as possible:

Sunday, May 16

Senior Response Sheet and Pictures Due

Sunday, May 23

Graduate Recognition Service 11:00am followed by Lunch Reception

Here is a "Tentative" Schedule for the day:

10:30am: Seniors arrive at SBC worship center with their cap and gown. If you have any awards, please wear them as well. All graduates will report to the worship center hallway nearest the main parking lot. We will have people to guide you.

11:00am: Seniors march in, sit in the assigned seats and participate in the worship service.

Noon: Lunch Reception in the FMC. They do not need to wear cap and gown during lunch. You may want put your name on your graduation garments, as well as bring a coat hanger for the reception time.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the church office at (803) 283-2015 or by email at ed.gidewall@lancastersbc.org. I cannot wait to share this joyful occasion with you all. Let's join in celebrating our Seniors as they begin to let their light shine while we launch them into the next phase of their lives.

God Bless,

Ed Gidewall

2021 Senior Information Sheet

Please Print Clearly Due Back: May 16

Full Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian(s): _____

High School: _____ Favorite Bible Verse: _____

Plans after Graduation (college, work, military, etc.):

Please check all that apply:

_____ Yes - I will be participating in Graduate Recognition Service

_____ Yes - I will send/bring pictures for the video

_____ No - I will not be participating in Graduate Recognition Service

_____ No - I will not be participating in Graduate Recognition Service but please list me as a Second Baptist Graduate in the Sunday Morning Service

of guests (including graduate) attending lunch reception following the service: _____