



Dear Middle School Parents,

Believe is just around the corner and we wanted to make sure you were as informed as possible before signing up your child to join us on this amazing weekend event specifically designed for middle school students (AMPLIFIED - grades 6-8). The event will take place in Kissimmee, Florida on Friday evening, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. JupiterFirst online registration will provide more details including student costs.

In case you've never heard of Believe before, let me give you a quick overview. It's a weekend event produced by Christ In Youth, an organization that has been putting together age-intentional events all over the world for almost 50 years (you can check out their website at [www.ciy.com/believe](http://www.ciy.com/believe)). It takes place in a large auditorium, where your child will worship alongside thousands of other students their age. It's literally an experience they'll get nowhere else. It's also one of the safest and most well-organized events for students in the country! JupiterFirst has attended in the past and many will say it's a life-changing event for our middle school students.

The theme this year at Believe will focus on the idea of a relationship WITH Jesus. Many things can cause a middle school student to become lonely. Anxiety, depression, distorted identity, rejection, self-worth, abandonment, even technology plays a role. But God teaches us that relationships are key in life. A relationship with Jesus is where life really comes from – eternal life. And if middle school students have a distorted view of how relationships work here on earth, they'll have a mistaken view of how a relationship with Jesus works. This year's Believe tour will help your student know exactly what it means to have a relationship WITH Jesus. By focusing on Matthew 28:20 and exploring the idea of a relationship "WITH" Jesus, Believe will help middle school students discover how to worship God through a right and faithful relationship with Him.

Believe offers small group times in which your child can connect with adult leaders and other students. This is one of the most important things we can do as a youth ministry. Next to your influence as a parent, building those bonds between our leaders and their peers is the No. 1 thing that will help your child grow in their relationship with Christ.

In the very near future, JupiterFirst Church will be posting registration online for you to complete. We ask you not to delay so that we can make final arrangements. We are also pursuing adult volunteers as well as high school student leader volunteers to be with your children on this journey. If you have interest in volunteering, let us know. Please also know that JupiterFirst will have a security presence at the hotel throughout the evening of Friday February

23<sup>rd</sup>.

We're excited for Believe and the amazing experiences we'll have over the weekend. If you have any questions that can't be answered by visiting [www.ciy.com/believe](http://www.ciy.com/believe), please contact Mark at (561) 747-8340.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Chip and Mark