

Parade Particulars
Bethlehem Baptist Church
Sunday, July 12, 2020
Class of 2020 Graduates

All junior high, high school and college graduates should arrive to the church parking lot by no later than 11:15 a.m. and will be asked to check in with a member of the Education & Scholarship (E&S) ministry (all members will be in purple tee shirts). All graduates will then be directed to take a (staged socially distant) group photo. **Requested graduate attire: graduates may wear their cap, their cap and gown or their cap with a shirt that has either the school they graduated from, or the school they will be attending in the fall.**

The E&S ministry will also have a photo booth available for the graduates and their families to take a total of two (2) photos each at the conclusion of the parade procession. **At check-in, each graduate will be asked whether they wish to have a photo booth taken so parents, please advise your graduates accordingly, so that our photo booth photographer has an idea of how many families will be participating.** Other than for taking photographs, all graduates should have masks with them to wear in accordance with CDC guidelines.

Parents, church family, friends and well-wishers should arrive to the Wissahickon High School parking lot by no later than 11:20 a.m., and remain in your vehicles. A member of the E&S ministry (and possibly officer(s) from the Lower Gwynned police) will help to queue all vehicles, and a “parent” sign will be provided to all graduate parents to place in the vehicle windshield. Once all vehicles are queued, drivers will be directed down Dager Road towards the church and once into the church parking lot, will be directed by members of the parking ministry to proceed **twice** through the parking lot (the parade route within the church parking lot will be marked), past our graduates. Graduate parents will then be directed to park in specific areas of the church parking lot (preferably those areas closest to the church main entrance and where the graduates will be staged).

For those graduates and families taking photo booth photos, they will be queued by an E& S ministry member along the handicapped ramp (socially distanced), in order for their photo booth photos will be taken. Following the photos, each graduate will be given their gift bag¹.

For those graduates and families not participating in photo booth photos, they will be provided their gifts by an E&S ministry member, and may leave the parade.

Church members and well-wishers participating in the parade can simply leave after their vehicle has processed twice around the parking lot. If they otherwise wish to stay, they may park in any area of the church parking lot other than what is designated for parents and may leave their vehicles, so long as social distancing guidelines and precautions are followed.

¹All graduate gift bags will contain certificates and a letter from the E&S servant leader. In the case of high school graduates, gift bags may contain some of their stipends (depending on the ministry) or, as appropriate, a letter with information on how to get their stipends. High school and college graduates will also have a CD containing the June 28th service. College and junior high graduates will have specific, additional gifts. If Student Recognition Booklets are not in the gift bags (we are awaiting word from the printer), they will be made available to all graduates and their families later.