

**First Presbyterian Church of River Forest
College Connection Ministry Opportunity, June 2009**

Mentor a College Student

Here is a ministry opportunity for you to be a personal mentor to a college student from our congregation. It entails encouraging them on their faith & life journey, modeling life in God's kingdom, and being available and open to their questions, joys and concerns.

Interested? Contact Pastor Rich Davis: rich@rfpres.org

Specific Responsibilities:

During the their Undergraduate College Career

1. Pray for your college student. Ask them for specific requests; if they are unable to give you anything, tell them how you will pray for them. When you see answers to your prayers let them know.
2. Encourage your college student by monthly correspondences (emails, cards, letters, Facebook, etc), especially prior to finals.
3. Acknowledge your college student's birthday.
4. Send your college student goodies during finals week. Ask your student what their favorite goodies are. Some ideas are: home baked goods, popcorn, candy, gum, pens, pencils and a verse from the Bible that will encourage them.
5. Meet with your college student, in person, 1-2 times a year.
 - a. These meetings should be about one hour in length.
 - b. These meetings should be in a public location (or the college student's home).
 - c. During these meetings discuss:
 - d. Life, Christ, church, faith
 - e. A scripture passage(s) that is meaningful to you/them
 - f. A mini-version of your testimony
 - g. Their interests (religious and otherwise)
 - h. Questions they have (these might emerge from the class topics, or from life)
 - i. The goal is to get a conversation going between the two of you, instead of you needing to do all the talking.
 - j. During your meetings, it may be appropriate to pray with/for your mentee.
 - k. Be available for other interaction with your mentee.