

Hey Parents!

As you may know, we are transitioning to meeting online with students. We are going to do this primarily through Zoom meetings. I want to give you a brief introduction into setting up an account for your student.

- **Zoom Meetings:** This is where we will meet at 6:30pm each Wednesday with students. As the host, I will have full access to mute students' video or audio, allow students to join the group, and the group will end when I exit the meeting. It is a safe way for our group to meet and allows us to continue to build our community.

To Join on Phone:

- Click the button that can be found on our Southgate COVID-19 Updates page that says, "Join Youth Group Live."
- The link will prompt you to download Zoom. You do not need an account to join. There will be a prompt to put your name in once the meeting starts.
- Once downloaded, click the "Join Meeting" button, OR, re-click the button on the website, then click "Join Meeting."
- This will lead you to the meeting and place you in the Waiting Room until the host admits you into the video meeting.

To Join on Computer:

- Click the button that can be found on our Southgate COVID-19 Updates page that says, "Join Youth Group Live."
- A tab will open up and a download will start for the Zoom program.
- Once downloaded, a screen will pop up to prompt you to allow video and audio. Click "allow."
- This will lead you to the meeting and place you in the Waiting Room until the host admits you into the video meeting.

Note:

- All downloads are free, and you do not need to make an account if you do not want to. All you need is the link for the meeting.
- For siblings, it would be best if each student had their own device in a separate room (to decrease audio interference) for when we go to breakout groups, but having siblings together on the same screen is better than not at all!
- Please make sure your students are able to use the audio on their device.
- We will encourage, though not force, students to have their video "on" so we can see their faces to enhance community and interaction.
- You may need to manually give the app permission in your phone settings to use audio and video.

Please do not hesitate to text or email me with any questions you have! I am praying for your family through this time and look forward to seeing how God sustains and grows our ministry!

Blessings,
Pastor Pat