

Oxygen Student Mentoring

Proverbs 27:17 - Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another.

OSM is a **program within the Oxygen Youth Ministry** designed to connect adults at the Crossing with 6th - 12th grade students for the purpose of one-on-one mentoring. The goal of a mentor is to invest in the life of a mentee, listen to them, and encourage them. Why is mentoring important? Studies show that mentoring can make a difference in the lives of young people. And, it is biblical to mentor as Jesus has modeled for us both mentorship as well as discipleship.

Primary Win: Students are connected with Godly mentors who inspire and encourage them in their walk with the Lord.

Who can be a Mentor: This program seeks mature believers who care about the next generation and want to impact the lives of students. Any adult who wishes to become a mentor must be a **member of the Crossing**, and complete the **Oxygen Leadership Application Process**; by completing necessary applications, being approved, joining the leadership team and participating in training.

Date, Location & Format: *On the first Sunday of every month*, mentors and mentees meet in the chapel, between the 9:15a & 11:00a service. The meeting time is 10:30a - 11:30a. Tables will be set up for individual conversations, and students will be celebrated upon arrival and encouraged to bring food/coffee in from the café. The time will consist of icebreakers, activities/games, and conversation. There will be a potential for a book study/Bible study in the future. The key is that a **solid relationship of trust is built.**

Mentor and Mentee: Each mentor, in addition to being screened, as outlined above, will complete a profile description. Each student/mentee, will complete a profile description, and a parent will complete a profile about their student. The team of mentors will then meet to match students with their mentor.

Process of building & launching:

1. Proposal/Invitation of Mentors	May - November 2018
2. Advertisement to Church Body/Families	November - December 2018
3. Training & Launch of program	December - January 2019