

THE GOOD MAGNIFIED

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new year, new words

Our team was so looking forward to this month's gathering with the hope that we would be able to gather in-person. Despite the disappointment, there's still much to praise God for after this month's virtual gathering.

We had eight students join us, which can seem like a small and disappointing number. However, as our team reflected after the meeting, the opportunity to engage with eight souls is indeed a privilege that we are truly grateful for.

Once everyone logged in, we split into rooms and each team had to plan a performance of the story of Little Red Riding Hood. They had to find props at home and piece together a performance in about fifteen minutes. Awards went to the best team, best prop, and most ridiculous line. These were hilarious and as ridiculous as you can imagine!

After the performances, we spent the rest of our time thinking about the year past and looking ahead to the rest of the new year. We invited everyone to choose a **Word of the Year**.

This word is like a little prayer, motivator, mantra, inspiration, etc. that they can constantly hold before themselves to help them become who God wants them to be.

After they spent time reflecting, we split into small groups and discussed our words and how we came to them.

Several students chose words that focused on looking ahead with a positive outlook. We're all tired of the doom and gloom of the world. The students are feeling that especially. We hope that their words of the year will help them to see and MAGNIFY the good and positive things in the world and in their lives. You can see the words we chose below and choose your own word too!

Our team continues to be inspired by the students. Every time we gather, we always reflect together afterwards and there's always a thought or a moment from one of the students that leaves us all inspired and grateful. Know how grateful we are for this opportunity!

our words

Ambition
Positive
Encourage
Resilient

Grit
Positivity
Thoroughness
Intentional

Reset
Rise
Dance
Hope

join us next month **MARDI GRAS PARTY!**

sunday, february 14 • 3-5 pm • location: the gym (hopefully)

WORD OF THE YEAR *2021*

Your **word of the year** is like a single-word prayer, motivator, inspiration, or mantra for your year ahead. When you accept this word, given to you by the Holy Spirit, you can invite God to use it to make you into the person that God wants you to be.

finding your word

- THINK ABOUT **LAST YEAR**

What were some of the highs and lows of last year?

- THINK ABOUT **YOUR GOALS FOR THIS YEAR**

What do you want life to be like at the end of this year and how can you make it happen?

- THINK ABOUT **WHAT YOU WANT TO BE KNOWN FOR**

How do your family and friends think of you?

- ASK THE **HOLY SPIRIT** FOR A **WORD**

Use the list or listen for words that pop into your head. It's okay to list a few and then narrow it down further.

WORD OF THE YEAR *2021*

I accept this word, given to me by God, as a guiding prayer for the year ahead.

Seeking to better myself and be who God made me to be, I will let this word inspire me to learn about myself, my passions, interests, strengths, weaknesses, and the unique role that I play in the world.

I will look for ways that God is speaking to me through this word and let God use it to make me into the person that He wants me to be.

My word of the year is...

Focus	Seek	Glorious
Grow	Pause	Grace
Organize	Forward	Truth
Simplify	Change	Belong
Bloom	Listen	Strive
Brave	Free	Always
Inspire	Build	Compassion
Thrive	Flourish	Energy
Gratitude	Move	Sacred
Consistency	Renew	Persist
Balance	Progress	Bridge
Be	Explore	Determination
Worth	Finish	Enough
Elevate	Hope	Improve
Today	Fearless	Grounded
Less	Happy	Harmony
Mindful	Dance	Action
Considerate	Spirit	Ambition
Calm	Deliberate	Purpose
Positivity	Trust	Hero
Respect	Conscious	Dream
Appreciate	Increase	Magic
Enlighten	Breathe	Shine
Intentional	Commit	Peace
Flow	Strength	Humble
Family	Encourage	Wish
Slow	Wake	Work
Possibility	Present	Smile
Persevere	Beauty	Meditate
Love	Enthusiasm	Lead
More	Connect	Celebrate
Reflect	Alignment	Relax
Light	Priority	Pray
Heart	Create	Sparkle
Now	New	Represent
Passion	Faith	Whole
Joy	Believe	Journey
Unlimited	Transform	Prosper
Kindness	Integrity	Contribute
Play	Gentle	Discipline
Thoughtful	Expansion	Laugh
Learn	Try	Here
Wonder	Teach	Shift
Embrace	Compromise	Delight
Courage	Imagine	Patience
Effort	Stillness	Cultivate