



Dear Gents Grown-Up,

Thank you for allowing your son to be part of Gents at Gibbsville Church!

We are thrilled to have him join us this season. This letter will help you be prepared for our Gents year with a better understanding of why boys need Gents, what we are doing at Gents, and how to stay involved; making the most of Gents with your son at home.

Gibbsville Gents is a Christ-centered ministry for boys in 1st–5th grade that meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 6:00–7:30 p.m. in the lower level of Gibbsville Church from October through April. Our Gents leaders come along side our boys with Biblical Truth and encouragement in a positive environment with engaging lessons, hand on projects and team building activities.

2026 – 2027 Theme – ONE-WAY

In a world filled with countless voices, opinions, and paths competing for their attention, our **One-Way** Bible study will challenge boys to discover that true purpose, hope, and direction are found in following Jesus alone. Through engaging lessons, hands-on activities, and meaningful discussion, we'll encourage them to build a faith that will help them confidently navigate life's choices by following the truth, the way and the life of Jesus with John 14:6.

What to Expect at Gents

- **Gents Check In** – For the safety of every child, all boys must be checked in and checked out each evening by a parent or authorized adult. If someone else is picking up your son, please notify a Gents leader before dismissal.
- **Large Group Lessons** are our Bible lesson nights where we dive into our theme lessons and memory work with a large group lesson followed with time in our small groups for deeper discussion and purposeful activities. Boys are given a personal journal and memory verse keychain to help follow along with our bible study lessons.
- **Small Groups** – Boys will be divided into small groups following our Bible lessons to dive deeper into our lesson with discussion using our journals and memory verse.
- **CIT's (Counselors in Training)** – Our high school volunteers serve alongside our leaders as mentors and role models, encouraging younger girls through friendship, leadership, and service.
- **Snacks Sign Up** – We know evenings can be busy, so we provide a simple snack following our lesson. Parents can help by signing up to bring snacks through SignUpGenius, available on our Gents webpage and Facebook page.
- **Fundraising – Nickel Knockout** is replacing our old Penny War! Join the fun from **September 13–October 28** as GEMS and Gents compete to earn a pizza party at their Christmas celebration. The winning team will be announced on **Sunday, November 1** during worship and on Facebook.
- Our annual **Gents Pinewood Derby** is Wednesday, **March 31st at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Boys will receive a Pinewood Derby car kit at our February meeting. Participation is optional but encouraged! This fun family event gives parents and daughters the opportunity to build a car together and enjoy an evening of friendly competition and fellowship.
- **Camping** – Our optional annual camping weekend will be **Friday, May 14th and Saturday, May 15th** at church with off campus activities. Boys must have a designated chaperone present if spending the night. More information and sign ups will be available in spring 2027.

Gents Materials

- **Theme Journal & Keychain** – Each boy receives a personal journal and Scripture memory keychain for this year's Bible study. We encourage you to ask your son about what he is learning and review his memory verses together throughout the week. Please send their journal along to each lesson night in their Gents tote bag.
- **The Bible** – We will be opening our bibles regularly in our small groups as well as for large group activities. If your son needs a bible of his own – please reach out and we would be honored to provide him with a new Bible.
- **Gents T-Shirt** – Gents T-shirts are optional and available for purchase anytime throughout the year. We will have a new T-shirt design in Fall 2027.

Helping your son grow in Gents

2. **Stay Connected:** Communication will primarily take place through the **Gibbsville Church App** using our private Gents parent message group. Please download the Gibbsville Church App as I will be inviting all Gents grown-ups to join our message group through the App. If you have questions or need help creating an account and joining our Gents group, please let me know. You can expect all updates and reminders to be posted here as well as regular text reminders about meetings. Our private Facebook group will still be active and will primarily be for event posts.
3. Help your son memorize the One-Way Theme Verse **John 14:6** and lesson memory verses he is practicing at club to help equip him to remember God's Truth for a lifetime.
4. Check out the One-Way **Grown-Up Guides**. Each guide includes a lesson recap, connection tips, prayer prompts, and more to equip you to engage in meaningful conversation. Guides will be available at each regular lesson meeting.

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At Gibbsville Church, we believe parents are the primary spiritual influence in a child's life. Our desire isn't to replace what happens at home but to come alongside your family by encouraging, equipping, and supporting you as you disciple your family. You are not alone!

Thank you for allowing us the privilege of investing in your family. We are praying that this year will be one of spiritual growth, meaningful friendships, and a deeper love for Jesus Christ.

Together, let's lock arms with Jesus and guide your son to **follow the Way, the Truth, and the Life of Jesus.**

We look forward to an incredible year with your family!



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