

An exciting announcement for Grace families!

We can't wait for SUN, SEP 12 when our Grace students "move up" to their new grades for the new school year. This is always an exciting weekend because many students get the opportunity to move into a new ministry area, such as our kindergarteners moving into GraceKids elementary.

However, the incoming fourth graders will no longer be entering 45 Degrees. Instead, they will be joining a new ministry: ELEMENT 456. The NextGen Team has reimagined our preteen ministry! While it will keep the best aspects of 45 Degrees, Element 456 will include sixth graders and will be using a new curriculum, the Gospel Project, selected to ground preteens in a three-year foundational journey! Moving from children to teenagers is a crucial passage and Element 456 is designed to advance your student through this transition.

## **ELEMENT 456**

Sixth-grade students will also be included in Grace Youth on Wednesday nights! Sixth grade will become a dual enrollment year that overlaps in both our preteen and youth ministries. If your student is starting grade 6 this year, they are also invited to the Grace Youth Fall Kick-Off on WED, SEP 8 from 7-9PM.

The Grace NextGen staff understands that the transition from elementary school to middle school can be difficult, so we wanted to provide an exciting and engaging environment for sixth graders on Sunday mornings. We hope that this change will help build a strong foundation of biblical truth and connection in our preteen students.

If you have any questions regarding this transition, please feel free to contact Jordan Crawford at [jcrawford@gracewired.com](mailto:jcrawford@gracewired.com).

Blessings,  
The Grace NextGen Staff