

# Graduation 2024



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Today we recognized \_\_\_\_ high school graduates honoring them for successfully achieving their first major milestone in life. We also welcomed \_\_\_\_ new members into our local church body. God emphasizes certain numbers in the Bible by unique meaning associations. Eight is a number often associated with new beginnings. How appropriate for us today as our eight high school graduates and eight new members are all beginning a new season in their lives! God is drawing us to the number eight today and has something special for each of us as we explore three key passages pertaining to this number.

## NEW BEGINNINGS

### 1. A New \_\_\_\_\_ – Gen. 8

- Noah was the \_\_\_\_ from Adam and \_\_\_\_ souls were saved from the destruction of the old world – 1 Pet. 3:20; 2 Pet. 2:5; Jude 1:14.
- This world is constantly changing, but Jesus Christ never changes. Be \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord no matter what unfolds in this world – Heb. 13:8; Col. 1:16-17; Dan. 2:20-21, 4:3, 6:26; Php. 1:6.

### 2. A New \_\_\_\_\_ – Lev. 12:1-3

- Jesus Christ and all Jewish boys were circumcised on the \_\_\_\_ day after their physical birth as a sign for Israel – Lk. 2:21; Acts 7:8; Rom. 4:11-12; Php. 3:5.
- Circumcision is connected to your \_\_\_\_\_ birth which supernaturally occurs inside all who believe – Col. 2:9-12; Php. 3:3; Jn. 3:1-16; Php. 2:12.

### 3. A New \_\_\_\_\_ – 1 Sam. 16:10-13

- When David was anointed king in Israel (*as a child*), a new \_\_\_\_\_ and lineage begins in Israel – 2 Chron. 17:3, 21:12, 28:1, 34:1-3; Is. 38:5; Lk. 1:32.
- Our life as a whole, just as David's, is a \_\_\_\_\_-moving season with great lasting potential – Ps. 1, 39:4-7, 90:9-10; Job 7:7; Ja. 4:14; 1 Ki. 2:2-3.
- Recognize each season within your season of life and make it count by \_\_\_\_\_ – Ecc. 3:1-11; Ps. 49:6-15; 2 Tim. 3:13-14, 4:6-7.