"This year as a middle schooler, I have had a couple of chances to lead elementary chapels. I have watched other students lead chapels for grades 5-12, and I felt led to start doing this for the elementary students.

Campus Ministries, new to the middle school this year, also helped me confirm that this was something that I was called to do. I was so excited to do it, and when I sat down to write the chapel, I felt the Holy Spirit just pouring out of me, onto the virtual paper. It was quite a feeling.

Presenting a chapel for the elementary students is an enriching experience for both ends. The older student gets to mentor and encourage the younger students, and the younger students can learn from and gain wisdom from the older student. I also think that the elementary is amazed that a big middle schooler would take time out of their day to share with them.

This experience also has helped me realize we are all on the same journey, just in bigger or littler bodies."

-Carson Combs, Class of 2027