

## “STRAIGHT A’S”

This is graduation weekend for our high school seniors. Many a commencement speaker will endeavor to inspire these students to greater things. I think the Apostle Paul is doing just that in our Scripture for today.

### Romans 15:13-33

#### \* **Abound**

“You may abound in hope” (v. 13, ESV)

“as you trust in him”

#### \* **Affirm**

“full, filled and competent” (v.14)

The importance of affirmation:

✓ motivates us    ✓ positive thinking    ✓ overall health

#### \* **Ambition**

“It has always been my ambition to preach the Gospel . . .” (v.20)

“I glory in Christ Jesus in my serviceto God.” (v.17)

#### \* **Ask God**

✓ kept safe = they plotted to kill him

✓ favorably received = Acts 24:17

✓ to Rome with joy = despite the chains

Paul’s commencement speech to believers in Rome and for us today.

#### **Reflective Questions:**

1. What aspect of life stirs you up; what is your passion?
2. Of the 4 A’s, which gets your attention? Why?
3. In what specific ways are you wrestling in prayer? How might we pray for you (small group)?



## KICK-OFF TO SUMMER

THIS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13TH 6:30-8:00PM

JOIN US AT THIS ALL-CHURCH EVENT TO CELEBRATE OUR LAUNCH INTO SUMMER! BINGO, VOLLEYBALL, BOUNCE HOUSE, GAGA BALL AND MORE. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED. THIS IS AN EVENT FOR ALL AGES.

