

NHBC Student Ministries  
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# the Frequency

December  
2017

NHBC Student Ministries Newsletter



## Christmas Party

Saturday, December 16

Meet at church @ 4 pm and Finish around 10 pm.

Cost: \$10 (for secret shopper gift exchange)

Trip to Branson, Secret Shopper Gift Exchange, Movies,  
Games, and Food



## Mission Projects

### 2017 Projects...

*Mission/Ministry Projects subject to change*

**December 16 (Saturday)** - Food Basket Delivery

Meet @ church 8 am and return when done.

Breakfast and Lunch provided.

More to come next year

### World Changers 2018

Florence, AL - July 9-14, 2018

Student/Parent Meeting

Sunday, January 7 @ 5pm

\$50 non-refundable deposit

due Sunday, January 14

**\*\*we will draw for a free spot @ the meeting.**

**Student must be there to win.**



## Student Leadership Team (SLT)

Meets every other Sunday @ 6:00

A special SLT meeting will be

Saturday, December 16 @ 2:30 pm.

## Afterwards

*Sunday's 7:00 - 8:30*

*(except when noted otherwise)*

**December 10** - Pizza & Ice Skating.

Eat after 11:00 am service, then  
ice skating, return around 4:30 pm.

Cost - \$5

More to come next year!



## Discipleship Small Group

Meets every other

Sunday @ 6:00

Will Resume in

January

# Raptor Ramblings...



As I sit here and write this, it is hard to believe that Christmas is almost here. I guess to many people it is already here, as many started Christmas shopping Thanksgiving night. I have often thought to myself, "Wait! What about Thanksgiving?" Why can't we truly celebrate Thanksgiving before moving on to Christmas? After all, we all have much to be thankful for.

As I have gotten older, Christmas has become an extension of Thanksgiving. For you see, what I am most thankful for is what the true meaning of Christmas is all about: the birth of Jesus Christ. However, even as Christians, we get caught up in the meaning our culture gives to Christmas: lights, presents, parties, gatherings, food, etc. While all these fun and good, they aren't what Christmas is all about. So I want to challenge you to change your focus on Christmas this year. Below is an explanation of Advent and the Advent Candles. My prayer is that as you read this it will change the way you see Christmas, and what Christmas is all about.

## The Meaning of the Advent Wreath

Advent, from the Latin word adventus meaning arrival, is the 4-week period prior to Christmas. It is a time to ponder the great sacrifice that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, made for us by coming to earth as an infant. He lived a perfect life, died a sacrificial death, and rose from the dead for us. He saved us from our sins and eternal damnation because of his great love, and adopts each person individually into his family through baptism and faith in him. An advent wreath can be a teaching tool and a reminder for Christians of the true meaning of Christmas.

Traditionally, the Advent wreath symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent. It is typically a circular candle holder that holds five candles. During the season of Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday until all of the candles, including the fifth candle, are lit on Christmas Day. Each candle customarily represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Most Advent wreaths use three colors of candles – purple, pink, and white. However, some may use blue in place of the purple. The Bible readings below can be read as each candle is lit.

### 1st CANDLE – (purple) THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE

We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God! – **Read Romans 15:12-13**

### 2nd CANDLE – (purple) THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION

God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome you, O God! – **Read Luke 3:4-6**

### 3rd CANDLE – (pink) THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY

The shepherds received a message of joy! – **Read Luke 2:7-15**

### 4th CANDLE – (purple) THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE

The angels announced the good news of a Savior! – **Read Luke 2:10-11**  
God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! – **Read John 3:16-17**

### 5th CANDLE – (white) CHRIST CANDLE

The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins. His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! – **Read John 1:29**

\*\*\* The Meaning of the Advent Wreath was taken from livinghopeomaha.com\*\*\*

~Brian



## Weekly Schedule

Sunday -

8:30 - Worship

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Worship

Wednesday -

6:30 - 7:45 - Youth praise and worship



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### Monthly Activities

*Activities are subject to change*  
(Watch for spontaneous youth activities)

**December 16** - Youth Christmas Party  
**January 25** - Winter Jam

## Wednesday Nights in December

6 - Regular Youth Service

13 - No Youth (Family Christmas Service)

20 - Regular Youth Service

27 - No Youth (Christmas Break)

### Activity Policy:

You must sign-up for all activities. Due to planning and making arrangements, you must sign-up for each activity away from the church. If you don't sign-up you may not be able to go. Sign-up sheets will be available in the youth room.

## December Activities

STUDENTS NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian) give permission to National Heights Baptist Church to take my child \_\_\_\_\_ to and allow him/her to participate in activities during the month of December 2017. I agree not to hold National Heights Baptist Church or any paid or unpaid church staff responsible for anything that may happen to my child. Furthermore I allow the youth minister to decide transportation decisions that will effect my child including riding in a personal vehicle. I also understand that I may be asked to pick up my child if they misbehave.

Parent/guardian (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number where you can be reached at the time of the event \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency please contact \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to minor \_\_\_\_\_