



NHBC Student Ministries
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December
2018

NHBC Student Ministries Newsletter

To keep up on Youth Happenings, make sure you are signed up for the weekly Parent Update E-Mail.

Christmas Party in Kansas City - Cost \$5 to \$10 for gift exchange, plus money for supper and activities. Leave church @ 1:30 pm on Saturday, December 15. Return in the afternoon on Sunday, December 16. Sign-up by Wednesday, December 12.



December Mission/Ministry Opportunity

Saturday, December 15th - Delivering Christmas Baskets w/ Victory Mission. Leave church @ 8:15 am (Lunch will be provided)

Wednesday Nights in December

5 - Youth Midweek Service
12 - Caroling & Custard
19 - Family Christmas Coffeehouse
26 - No Youth Midweek Service (Christmas Holiday)

Student Leadership Team

Meets on every other Sunday @ 6:00
This month's meeting will be on December 9



Discipleship Small Group

Meets on every other Sunday @ 6:00
We resume back on Sunday, January 13



Weekly Schedule

Sunday -
8:30 - Worship
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship
6:00 - Youth Discipleship Bible Study/Student Leadership Team (Alternating weeks)
Wednesday -
6:30 - 7:45 - Youth Midweek Service

Parent's/Participant Meeting

Sunday, January 6 @ 5:15 pm.
\$75 deposit due Monday, January 14.
"Uncharted"
World Changers 2019
Chesapeake, Virginia
July 13-21, 2019

If interested, please sign up in the Youth Room.
This isn't a commitment to go, but just let's us know you are interested.



Raptor Ramblings...

Heeeeeeyyy
Hey, Hey, Hey



And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel. ~Luke 1:67-80

Who are Zechariah and Elizabeth? Why do they play such an essential role in the Christmas story? First, it's impossible to separate John the Baptist's ministry from Jesus' ministry. John was part of God's plan from day 1. John's birth story is directly tied to Jesus' birth story. But there is another reason we celebrate Zechariah and Elizabeth as part of the Christmas narrative.

Read Luke 1:67-80. This is Zechariah's response after seeing God keep His promise of a son. (Keep in mind, these would have been the first real words that came out of Zechariah's mouth for months!) And in his response, we see why he has such an important role in the Christmas story.

What do you see in Zechariah's words here? In verses 68-75, Zechariah is giving us a super quick overview of God's covenant promise made to His people throughout the Old Testament. Zechariah is combining what he knows about Jesus' birth to Mary and Joseph, with what he has been told about his son John's life. He is putting the pieces together and realizing that something HUGE is happening. He is seeing God working as only God can. Zechariah knows something special is about to go down.

Verses 68-69 says, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David." This is what Christmas is all about. This is what we celebrate! In Christ, God visited us. In Jesus, God raised up a path to salvation. Through Jesus' death on the cross, we can be redeemed from the penalty of our sins. And it all started with a little God-baby boy in humble surroundings. This is the miracle of Christmas! This is Immanuel!

Consider This:

- In your own words, summarize the meaning of Christmas.
- Why is it easy to miss the meaning of Christmas as we go through this busy holiday season?
- What can you do to make sure that you don't lose sight of what Christmas is truly about?

Devotion from **Andy Blanks, Immanuel (United States of America; youthministry360, 2018), 18.**

~Brian

Afterwards

Sunday's 7:00 - 8:30

(except when noted otherwise)

December 9 - Ice Skating & Lunch.

Meet in Youth room after 11am service/return to church @ 4:30.

Cost: \$5.

Sign-up by Sunday, December 9
January - Pizza & Nerf Wars @ church
More info TBA



Volume Student Ministries at NHBC have a Facebook group, find us and join us!!

Monthly Activities

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

December 15-16 - Youth Christmas Party in KC.
January - Flip Wars



Mission Projects

2018 Projects...

Mission/Ministry Projects subject to change
December 15 - Christmas Basket Delivery during the morning time.
January - Convoy of Hope - Details to come

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 2018. 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 _____