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CHRISTMAS PURSUIT WRAPS UP THE SEMESTER WITH COMMUNITY AND CELEBRATION



By Maggie Bright

Northwest University's Campus Ministries will host its annual Christmas Pursuit Mon., Dec. 4 in Butterfield chapel. The event will begin at 8:30 p.m.

This will be the last Pursuit of the semester. The event will combine entertaining Christmas performances with a reminder of the true meaning of the season.

Christmas Pursuit will showcase student-led entertainment from members of the NU worship teams. They will be performing a variety of songs, ranging from Christmas favorites to traditional carols.

Campus Pastor Christian Dawson said that the purpose of Christmas Pursuit is twofold.

"Half of it is just really a show, it's just a performance where our goal is to help students in our community come together and have a good time. The other half is to really remind ourselves what the season's about and what Christ has done and [to] start the Christmas season focused on Jesus and that he came and what that means for us," Dawson said.

It is this combination of Christmas fun along with the reminder of the deeper meaning of the holiday in a Christian community that has made this event a favorite among students for the past seven years.

During the final weeks of school, with the mixed emotions ranging from stress over finals, pride of accomplishments and excitement for going home, Christmas Pursuit is a time to reconnect once again with the NU community.

"I think at this time of the year it's good to just come together to laugh, have a good time and honestly be pointed to Jesus through the arts," Dawson said.

Christmas Pursuit is always popular and packs the chapel full.

"Every year we run out of room, so you want to be there early," Dawson said.

Dawson encourages students to take a break from the hustle that the end of the semester brings and join fellow students in celebrating the start of the Christmas season together.

"It's a bunch of fun and it's a bunch of Jesus," he said.