

Dear friends,

The holiday season, as fun and exciting as it is, is the busiest time of year for everyone. Between working hard to stay caught up in classes, getting enough rest and fighting to stay healthy, I know it might seem difficult to stay encouraged but I pray you are able to find the strength to push through. I know you can do it!

I have Two documents attached to this article.

1. The prayer requests for this week.
2. The article I shared today regarding Homosexuality. Many of you have asked for it...

Others of you have also ask for a recap of the message on Monday....

1. Forgiveness is a command and not an option.
2. Forgiveness is a choice and not a feeling.
3. Forgiveness is for your benefit not the benefit of the offender.
4. Forgiveness must be specific and not general.
5. Forgiveness is a process or journey and not an event.

Next week in chapel

With Thanksgiving break next week, we will have a shortened week. On Monday, President Castleberry will bring a great word from Mark 14:1-15:20. There will be no chapel on Wednesday.

Pursuit

We will have 2 very special guests with us at Pursuit on Monday. Brian and Emilie McCormack both graduated from Northwest University a few years ago and have since began planting a church in the Bellevue area. Both are amazing individuals with a passion for Jesus and people. Pursuit will begin with Emilie leading us in worship followed by her husband, Brian, bringing a powerful devotion.

Movie Night

Tonight, after *Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat*, Campus Ministries will be presenting, ELF on a large projector screen in the chapel! Again, the event is free but donations will be accepted to go toward our 2011 summer mission trips. I hope you can make it!

Parents Night Out

on December 3rd, NUSG will host *Parents Night Out* from 6:30-10:30pm in the Apartment Community Room (D Building). This is free childcare for Staff, Students and Faculty. Children of all ages are welcome!

All School Christmas party

On December 10th from 9:00pm - 11:00pm, NUSG will also host the annual All-School Christmas Party in the HSC building. There will be games, goodies, a chocolate fountain and pictures with Santa! You don't want to miss it!

Human trafficking

We've come a long way in our efforts to fight Human Trafficking. I am happy to say that we have almost reached our \$5,000 goal! Next Friday is our last opportunity to give so if everyone commits to giving even just \$1, we will have not only reached our goal but also surpassed it! Thank you for your faithful giving toward this cause.

In addition to raising finances toward this fight, another way we can help put an end to Human Trafficking is to simply raise awareness and inform our community of it. On Saturday, December 4th, Embargo will host their third annual "Freeze Project." We are partnering with a few other schools in the area and hope to have as many students as possible come and join us in educating others about Human Trafficking and ways they can help.

Scripture

One of my favorite verses comes from Isaiah 43 which talks about how the Lord is with us and will walk with us through any circumstance:

"Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you go through deep waters,

I will be with you.

When you go through rivers of difficulty,

you will not drown.

When you walk through the fire of oppression,

you will not be burned up;

the flames will not consume you."

I pray you take these words to heart as you recognize that no matter how big our problems may seem, we serve a God that is even bigger than our most difficult situations.

Prayer list

As we pray for the needs of our friends, let's continue to believe in the power of prayer and the greatness of our God. I believe great things are ahead!

Enjoy your weekend and have a fantastic Thanksgiving break!

Your friend,
Pastor Phil