

And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6-7

Dear NU Family,

As we arrive at Thanksgiving, I am meditating on the great love of God: our Creator, Savior, and Helper. His love leads us to respond with both *thanks* in our hearts and *giving* in our lives. Thanksgiving is about both receiving all that God has given us and about giving Him all of ourselves. I pray that as you celebrate this holiday, the Spirit will make you more aware of all that God has given you, and will help you to surrender yourself completely to Him. Living as a grateful person brings great freedom and joy in every area: freedom from anxiety, expectations, guilt, shame, pride, and so many other things that trap and entangle us each day and joy that we have received a new life instead. Thanks be to God, He is always faithful and always gives us second chances!

The last 24-Hour Prayer of the semester is going on **right now** in Butterfield Chapel, until 8PM tonight. Head over and spend some time with the Lord in prayer, listening and talking with Him. Even in the midst of a busy day, a conversation with the Lord can change everything for the better.

THIS WEEK

Monday, November 23 | Pursuit: Led by Christian Dawson, with communion | 8:30PM, Butterfield Chapel

Wednesday, November 25 and Friday, November 27 | NO CHAPEL

Coming up next week, we are welcoming Student Speakers in chapel. We can't wait to hear what words of encouragement and wisdom these NU students will share with us all!



Happy Thanksgiving!

With gratitude to God,

Pastor Phil

