

Dear NU Family,

As we enter this season of Advent, of anticipating the arrival of Christ, my thoughts turn to the meaning of Jesus' first coming. For me, it is easy to leap straight from last Thursday's turkey-and-stuffing dinner into a flurry of Christmas activity, without contemplating what this season is all about. As fun as all the parties and festive events are at this time of year, I believe that understanding Advent begins with understanding our *longing*. Just as Israel longed for their Messiah to come and rescue them from the tyranny of broken human systems, sin, the devil, and death, so we also deeply long for those things now. In this place of yearning, the words of the well-known Christmas carol reach us and fill us with hope: "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel / Shall come to thee, O Israel". Jesus *has* come into this hurting world, and continues to come to those who long for Him. I invite you to join me in looking for ways to carry the message of hope in Jesus to others this holiday season.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Mon, Nov 28 | Monday Devos: Abby Stovall | Butterfield Chapel Balcony, 10 & 11:20am

Mon, Nov 28 | PURSUIT | Butterfield Chapel, 8:30pm

Wed, Nov 30 | Chapel: Student Speakers | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

Fri, Dec 2 | Chapel: Student Speakers | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

Four great student speakers will be preaching in chapel this week!



We are still accepting applications for NU Missions Team Members! Pick up/drop off at the Campus Min Office.



Looking forward to Christmas Pursuit? So are we! See you next Monday, December 5!



With longing and hope for the Messiah's coming,

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