

Dear NU Family,

In 1 Peter 3:9, Peter reflects on David's words from Psalm 34:12-16 regarding God's thoughts towards those who live a righteous life. Peter encourages us to turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. He tells us the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry. When I read those words, I have to be honest and say that although I work hard to live a life of righteousness, (but definitely not a perfect one!), I sometimes feel like God isn't very attentive. Beyond my own circumstances, it seems like there are so many others who live rightly, but God seems far away. However, the promise of God is this: the righteous person may have (will have) many troubles, but the Lord delivers him or her from all of them (Psalm 34:19). Today, you may feel like you are working hard to live rightly. Perhaps you have kept a right attitude and have not been critical. Maybe you have worked hard not to talk poorly about people. The truth is, even though you are righteous, you will still have problems. They will come to you no matter how much effort you put into right living. But the promise is still valid. God will deliver you and will protect you (vs. 20). If God allows a problem in your life, he will also be with you through that challenge, and give you the strength you need to walk through it.

Jesus, there are those in our community who need your strength to overcome current challenges they are facing. Help us not to live righteous lives because we want to avoid difficulty, as difficult times come no matter what, but help us live rightly because we love you and desire to follow you closely. In Jesus name, Amen.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

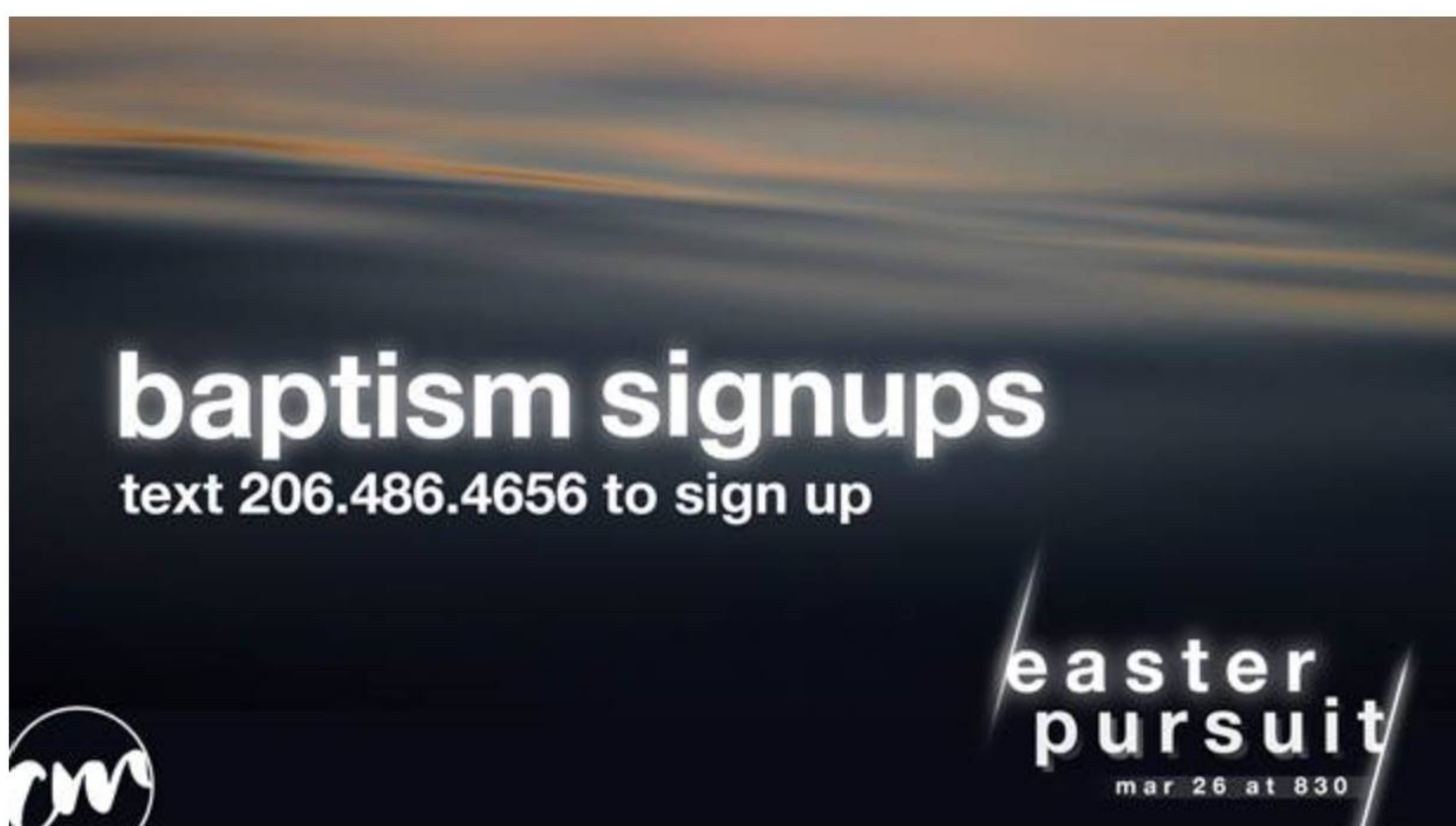
Mon, March 26 | Chapel: Wesley Rodgers & Jonathan DeMacedo | Butterfield Chapel Balcony, 10 & 11:20am

Mon, March 26 | Easter Pursuit with Baptisms | Butterfield Chapel, 8:30pm

Wed, March 28 | Chapel: Rowlanda Cawthon | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

Wed, March 28 | Courageous Conversations* | 3:00pm, ***Spiritual Life Credit Offered**

Fri, March 30 | *READING DAYS – NO CHAPEL*



A poster with a dark background and a sunset sky. The text is white and reads: "baptism signups" in a large font, followed by "text 206.486.4656 to sign up". In the bottom right corner, it says "easter pursuit" in a stylized font, with "mar 26 at 830" below it. There is a small circular logo in the bottom left corner.



A poster with a dark background and a geometric pattern. The text is white and reads: "Courageous Conversations" in a large font, followed by "Keep Your Head Up: A Time to be Real with Our Women" in a smaller font. Below this, it says "Pecota Lounge 3.28.18 3 - 4:30pm". At the bottom, it says "Join faculty and students in addressing the topic of women's leadership with respect to diversity." and "Spiritual Life Credit and snacks!". There is a small circular logo in the bottom right corner.

In Christ,

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