

Dear NU Family,

During Thanksgiving last week, Brenda and I had the wonderful experience of spending time with life-long friends. These friends are really more like family to us, and we have spent the last 19 Thanksgivings together. Among the many things that they are to us, they are some of the most life-giving people we know. They have a spirit of generosity, which they express in many ways beyond financial giving. They are generous with their *time*, their *talent*, their *faith*, and their *work*. Their children also receive their generosity, because our friends love and discipline them in healthy, affectionate, and generous ways.

Reflecting on the experience of the generosity I witnessed in our friends has made me even more grateful for the generosity that God has for us. During this Advent season, I encourage you to think deeply about the generosity of God, and the many ways He is generous towards you. His biggest gifts came in the form of His son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit that is given to those who accept Him. Acts 2:17 tells us that God will pour out his Spirit on all people in the last days, and to me, that is an incredible act of generosity on the Lord's part.

As you embrace this Advent season, will you receive the generous gifts that God has poured into your life?

THINGS TO PRAY FOR

- Pray for the City of Tacoma, and the tragedy of fallen Officer Reginald "Jake" Gutierrez this past week. I am writing this note to you as I sit at a coffee shop in Tacoma watching a processional honor this hero.
- Pray for the circumstances around the tragedy at Ohio State University.
- Pray for members of our community who are struggling.
- Pray for members of our community who need financial miracles.
- Pray for end-of-semester events, performances, and finals.
- Pray for our leaders, both local and national.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Mon, Dec 5 | Monday Devos: Tessa Curl | Butterfield Chapel Balcony, 10 and 11:20am

Mon, Dec 5 | Christmas Pursuit | Butterfield Chapel, 8:30pm

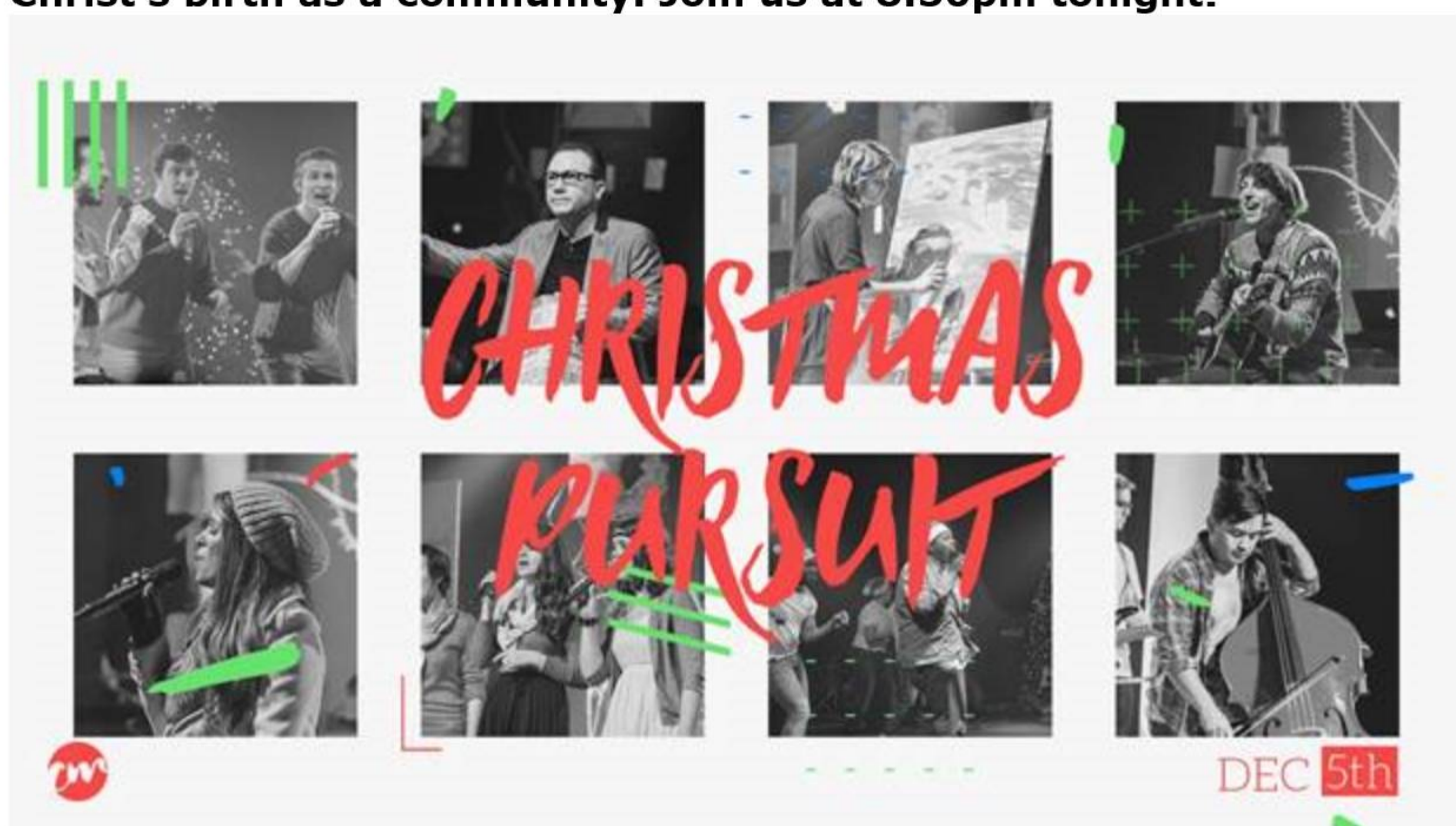
Wed, Dec 7 | Student Speakers | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

Fri, Dec 9 | Graduation Chapel* | Butterfield Chapel, 10:40am ***Please note that this is one-chapel schedule; there is only one service beginning at 10:40am**

Fri, Dec 9 | Choralons: Season of Hope Concert | Eastside Foursquare Church, 7:30pm

Sun, Dec 11 | Chic Chat and FellaShip | Butterfield Chapel (Chic Chat), and HSC 104 (FellaShip), 7pm

Christmas Pursuit is always an incredible service of celebrating Christ's birth as a community. Join us at 8:30pm tonight!



Ladies and gentlemen, we are having our final ChicChat and FellaShip events of the year this Sunday, at 7pm. See you there!



With a heart overflowing with Jesus' generous love,

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