



Dear Parents,

As you know, our first Disciple Now Weekend is just around the corner. I wanted to take a moment and fill you in on what DNOW is and what the theme is for this year. DNOW in its simplest form is a weekend retreat, sort of an abbreviated camp. The main difference, however, is this is a retreat in our local community. Students will stay at host homes of members of our congregation. In this they will build relationships with each other, as well as other adults in our congregation. Students also serve in our local area through a service project, interact with students of other churches, and create memories that will last a lifetime!

People who study this generation of students note a craving for realness. The buzzword “authentic” is a buzzword for a reason. Students want the things that matter to them to be real. They want authenticity in their relationships as well as the brands they follow. They want the experiences and encounters they have to be what they are supposed to be.

But are they asking the same questions of their faith? Are they willing to ask what an authentic relationship with Christ looks like? We believe they are, and our upcoming DNow weekend is going to focus on helping them answer this question.

Our theme will be “Follower: Living an Authentic Faith.” Through it, your student will be introduced to the concept of “following” as the true foundation for their faith-relationship with Christ. They will define what it means to practically follow Jesus in their day-to-day lives. We will all be reminded that following Jesus is not without its cost. They will be encouraged as they commit to pursuing an authentic faith with Christ. They will be empowered to make real change in their lives.

Soon you’ll receive a follow-up from me that will equip you with two key pieces of content. The first is a guide to inform you of the topics we’ll be covering in our Small Group sessions. The second is some questions for you to utilize in following-up with your student, reinforcing what he or she will have studied.

Studies show that you are the most influential force in your student’s life as it pertains to shaping his or her spiritual identity. My goal in these updates is to equip you to help continue and build on the process we will have started during our DNow Weekend.

Please be praying for our ministry, your student, and your student’s friends as we challenge them with this relevant, timely message from the Bible. If you have any further questions please don’t hesitate to contact me. Thank you for entrusting us with your students. This is going to be a weekend of great spiritual growth as well as fun that will never be forgotten.

Always in Prayer!

Randy & Abram

## Weekend Schedule:

### Friday March 23rd:

5:30pm: Registration and dinner at Erlanger Baptist  
6:30pm: Worship  
8pm: Leave for NKU Campus Recreation Center  
10:30pm: Head to host homes, 1st small group session

### Saturday March 24th:

8am: Breakfast at host homes  
9:30am: Worship back at Erlanger  
11am: Small group session #2 at Erlanger  
Noon: Lunch at Erlanger  
1-4pm: Service project  
5pm: Dinner at host homes or MSBC  
7pm: Worship at Erlanger; Small group session #3  
9pm: Head to host homes

### Sunday March 25th:

8am: Breakfast at host homes  
9:30am: Back at MSBC for Normal Sunday morning activities

### Activities at NKU Campus Recreation Center:

Swimming, diving board, basketball, roller skating, volleyball, climbing wall

## Weekend Information

**Dates: March 23-25, 2018**

**Location: Erlanger Baptist Church & weekend host homes**

**Cost: \$25**

**Payment Due: March 11<sup>th</sup>**



Weekend Speaker: Matt Smethurst-

Managing Editor of [thegospelcoalition.org](http://thegospelcoalition.org),

Pastor/Elder at Third Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, KY

Author of “1–2 Thessalonians: A 12-Week Study” (Crossway, 2017)

Worship Band: NKU BCM worship band

The cost will cover their meals for the weekend, entrance to NKU Campus Recreation Center, t-shirt, and weekend study guide. No additional money will be needed.

**Parents must fill out a medical release form and have it notarized before participation.** Contact church office or visit our student website at [SYNC.ROCKS](http://SYNC.ROCKS). Medical Release is located under the Resources tab.

### Packing List:

- Bed Sheets, blanket/ Sleeping Bag
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brush, deodorant, etc.)
- Towel
- Washcloths/loofa
- Bible
- Pen
- Clothes to work in that you wouldn't mind getting dirty (in case we have a “dirty” service project)
- Clothes appropriate for NKU Rec Center (one piece bathing suits w/shorts for swimming)

### What not to bring:

- Weapons of any kind
- Drugs/Alcohol



Registration and Emergency Contact Information

**Return Completed Form to Randy, Abram or Church Office**

Please Print Clearly

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Male/Female (circle)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any dietary limitations, allergies, current medications or current medical conditions you would like us to know about? Yes/No

If yes please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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