

NCPC YOUTH

Making Disciples who then make disciples

Sunday, May 7th

Regular Meeting (6:00)

Sunday, May 14th

Regular Meeting

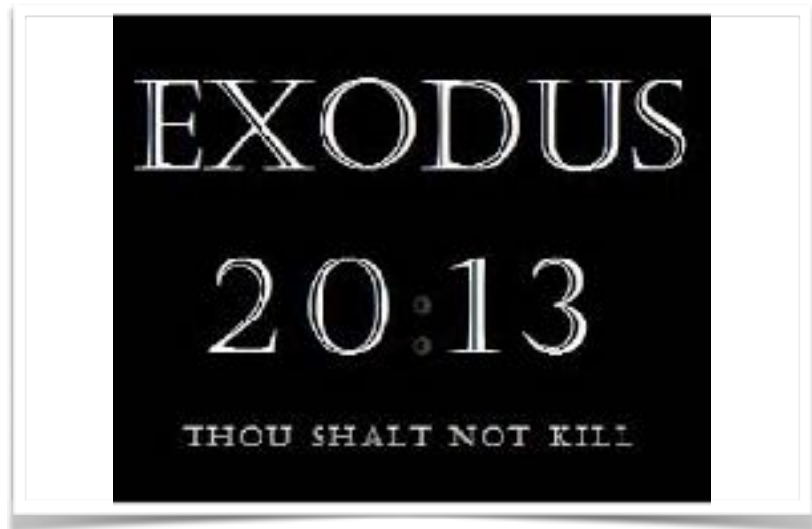
Sunday, May 21st

Regular Meeting

Sunday, May 28th

Regular meeting

With summer approaching, we will be hosting various Bible studies and activities throughout the summer months. Keep in touch with the upcoming newsletters about specifics. As always, don't forget to check out the Student Ministry Podcast, simply called 'New Covenant Student Ministry Podcast' in the iTunes Podcast section.



The big 10

Earlier in April, we studied the 6th commandment. Put simply, it commands us not to unlawfully kill. Fair enough; and this is the command most people point to to justify their own innate righteousness. "Well, I've never killed anybody" becomes the mantra for all those rationalizing their own trips to the hereafter. Sadly, this is a pseudo righteousness and, let me add, not truly accurate.

We are actually guilty of breaking this command though. If we would just expand this command to a more full implication, we would all be guilty. Jesus said in Matthew 5, "Whoever is angry with their brother, will be liable to judgement." So, if you look longingly for others to fail, if you secretly have a wish that someone you're not a big fan of to be exposed for the fraud they truly are....you get the picture.



Events coming up

Several things to be on the lookout for.

- High School boys!!! We have 8 open slots for this year's summer camp. I need to tell Ridge Haven to do something with those spots if we aren't using them this year. Every other group is situated and ready!
- **JULY 17-21 VBS at NCPC the youth will be helping out in a major way this year. Please let me know if and how much you can help out this coming year!**



This past November, the 6th commandment was part of the policy decisions concerning healthcare. It was also involved with how both sides were treated and treated one another.

We see this in the political realm. Both parties are far from the standard of purity and moral excellence, but in reality, I feel as if people on both sides would rather see their opponent fail publicly, than to see success for their own party! This is nothing shy of breaking the 6th commandment.

So how do we get out of the hateful trap we sometimes can get into? Look to the One who was treated as a murderer. During the last few pages of the gospel narratives, there was a figure, "Barabbas" by name, who was released instead of Jesus. It was custom to let a prisoner go free that weekend, but the people wanted Barabbas (i.e. Hebrew for son of the father) free. So the true Son of the Father switched places with a murderer. (Matt. 27:17). Only when we know the gospel news and make it our own in real tangible everyday ways will we escape the trap of hate toward others.

