

# What Does The Advent Candle Mean?



- The wreath is made of various evergreens; they signify continuous life.
- The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering
- The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ.
- Pine, holly, and yew, remind of us that God's love is eternal.
- Cedar reminds us of our strength in God and the healing power of our faith.
- Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns.
- Pine cones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolize life and resurrection.

## THE SYMBOLISM OF THE CANDLES

- 1st CANDLE – (Purple) THE PROPHECY CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF HOPE
- 2nd CANDLE – (Purple) THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PEACE
- 3rd CANDLE – (Pink) THE SHEPHERD'S CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY
- 4th CANDLE – (Purple) THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE
- 5th CANDLE – (White) THE CHRIST CANDLE

# BE THE CHURCH

*Protect the environment.  
Care for the poor.*

**Forgive often.**

*Reject racism.*

**Fight for the powerless.**

*Share earthly and spiritual resources.*

*Embrace diversity.*

**Love God.**

**Enjoy this life.**

*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



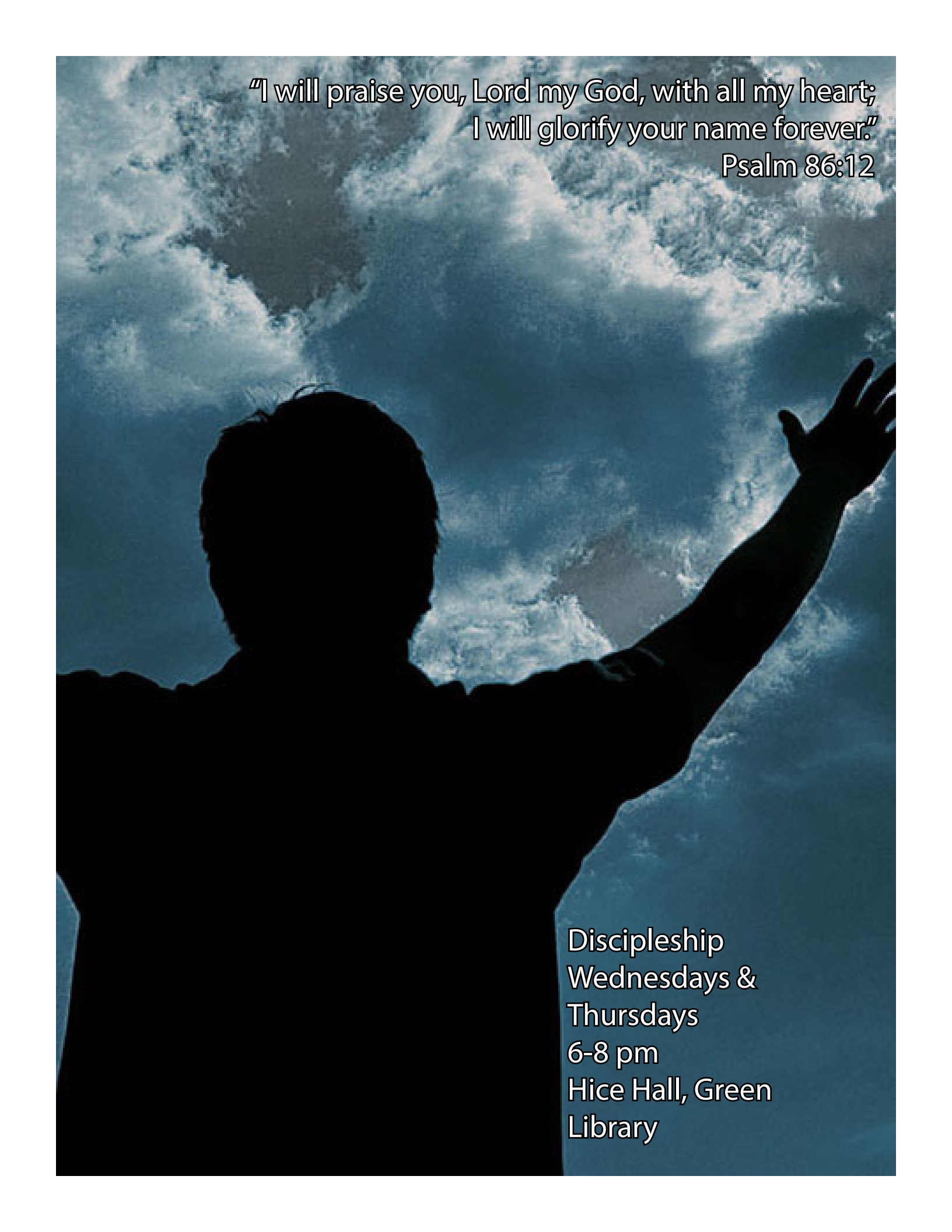
Do you feel at home here at Miami Beach Community Church?

Then join us!!!

**New Member Welcome**

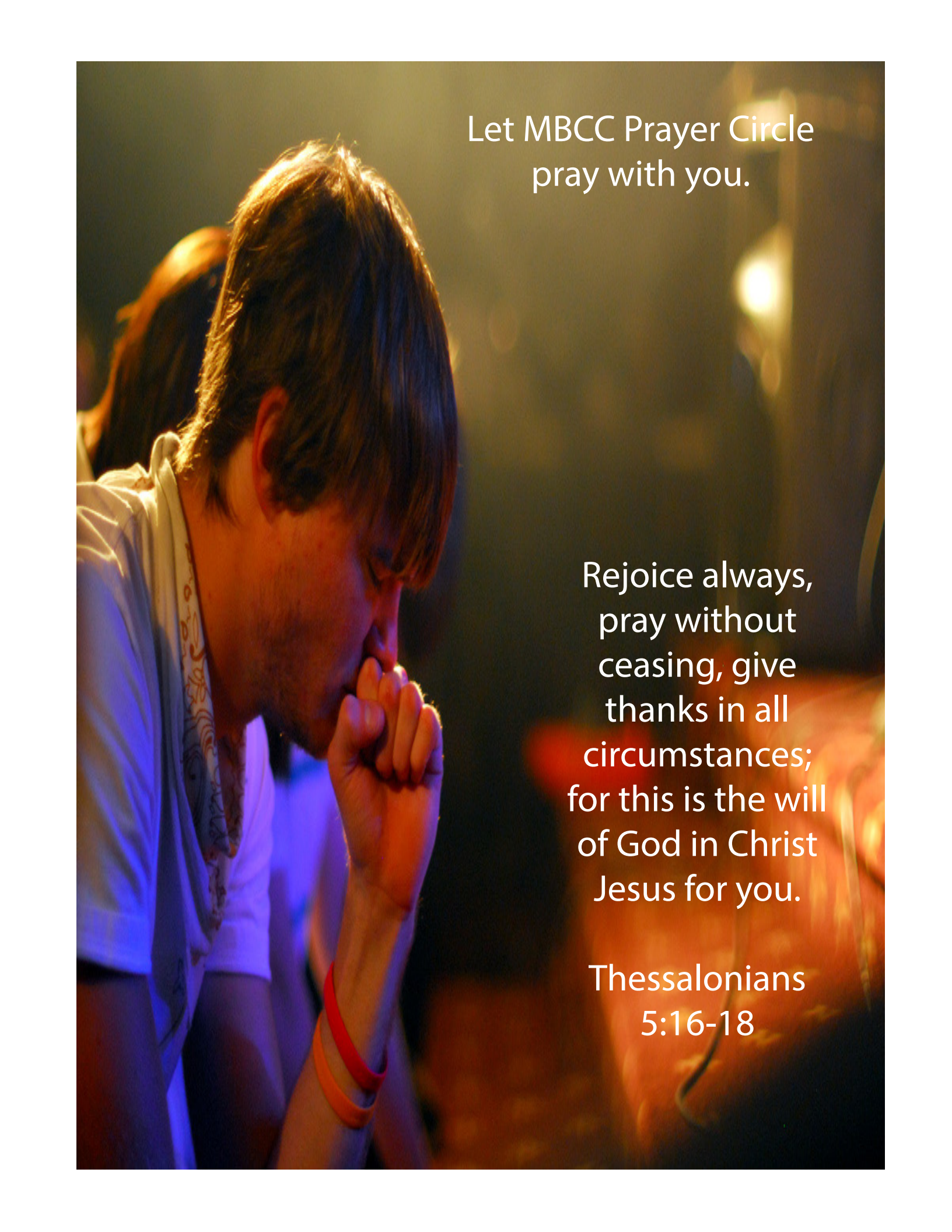
**December 10, 2017 during service**

Please contact the church office @ 305-538-4511 for more information



"I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;  
I will glorify your name forever."  
Psalm 86:12

Discipleship  
Wednesdays &  
Thursdays  
6-8 pm  
Hice Hall, Green  
Library



Let MBCC Prayer Circle  
pray with you.

Rejoice always,  
pray without  
ceasing, give  
thanks in all  
circumstances;  
for this is the will  
of God in Christ  
Jesus for you.

Thessalonians  
5:16-18

Support the American Autism Association this holiday season!

# HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Help us provide individuals and low-income families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) with gifts this holiday season.



Help us spread  
the word to  
collect gifts in  
our community  
@ MyAutism



Drop off an  
unwrapped  
gift in the  
collection box



Make a  
difference in  
the autism  
community of  
South Florida



Don't have a toy to donate? Support our holiday initiatives by donating at [www.myautism.org/donate](http://www.myautism.org/donate). The American Autism Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

## WOMEN INSPIRED NOW & THE AMERICAN AUTISM ASSOCIATION AUTISM HOLIDAY PARTY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16TH 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Unwrapped Toys and Gifts for all Ages (Including Teenagers) are Welcome.  
Please Leave Donations in the Toy Chest in Hice Hall.