



# *Adopt a Student (Home or Away) Program*

## **Students Here at UNG:**

Adopt-A-Student is an avenue where our church family can serve students in providing them “a home away from home” community. The Adopt-A-Student program is a way for our church members and students to connect in fellowship beyond a regular Sunday morning service. This extension of our Tethered ministry provides students an opportunity to receive a meal, build relationships and experience being a part of our bigger body of Christ.

## **Expectations / Recommendations:**

- Pray for them!
- Take them out to a meal occasionally.
- Invite them to your home for a meal.
- Take them to a sporting event. They may enjoy attending high school games your children or grandchildren are playing in.
- Take them fishing or golfing or to participate in their/your hobbies.
- Invite them over to watch a movie or play games with your family.
- Invite them to help you in your ministries.
- Let them wash clothes at your home.
- Provide information about community events. • Participate with them in community events.
- Offer transportation if needed.

## **Our Church Family Students Away at Another School:**

At DBC we have a heart to remain connected to our college students who are away at college. Adopt-A-DBC Student is an avenue where our church family can remain connected to our family members who are away by deliberately maintaining a sense of community and connectedness. The Adopt-A-DBC Student program is a way for our church members and students to maintain fellowship with our students. This extension of our Tethered ministry provides students an opportunity to remain connected to our families and experience being a part of our bigger body of Christ.

### **Expectations / Recommendations:**

- Let the students know you're praying for them.
- Send them text or email messages.
- Include them in the church newsletter and social media
- Keep the congregation aware of which colleges your students are attending, what they're majoring in and which year they are in as they progress through their college years.
- Take note of the academic calendar of each of the colleges where our students attend so we know when they have finals and when they'll be home.
- Pack and send care packages to them. Good times for this are about a month into the school year and again at finals time.
- Keep them plugged in and provide networking opportunities, to help them find mentors and career referrals.
- Invite them to connect in service when they are able:
  - ❖ Ask them to do special music while they're home
  - ❖ invite them to lead a devotion or teach Sunday school for the younger students during college vacations
  - ❖ Encourage them to help with Vacation Bible School.

**If you are interested in participating, please reach out to**

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