Dear Parents,

High school graduation is a BIG deal! NewSong Church recognizes that graduation marks a significant transition in the lives of our students and the closing of their time in the high school ministry. All graduates leave high school, some leave home, some leave the church altogether. As they transition into the next season of life, we want the final word they hear from this church and the home to be a word of tribute, quite possibly a life-altering, life-transforming word. Would you help us in this?

Barak is the Hebrew word for "blessing" or "praise*."* In the Old Testament we see God offer his blessing to certain individuals. God's blessing was such a powerful word that it literally ***transformed a person's future,*** and Old Testament characters understood this: Jacob wrestled for and stole his blessing. Abraham wouldn't leave town until he had it. And we want to offer it to our graduating seniors. That is, we want to bless and honor them as they bring closure to one season of life and enter into another.

The Student Ministry of NewSong Church invites you to attend the Senior *Barak*, a night of blessing. This dessert occasion will take place on **Sunday evening, June 13th from 6:30-8:30pm in the Student Ministry Center at NewSong**. This evening is free of cost and is NewSong's gift to our graduates and their families.

A very important part of our time together will be the *presentation of a blessing or tribute*. Please write a tribute that will honor your child on the enclosed tribute form (or feel free to write it on whatever you wish). You will have the opportunity to read this tribute to your son or daughter (or have it read for you) at the Barak; as each student is honored individually. **Please RSVP and return a copy of your tribute to Chris Neal at NewSong Church before Sunday, June 6th.** Thank you.

This night may be the most meaningful night of their high school experience! We hope you can join us.

Sincerely,

Chris Neal
Pastor of hopeFULL Student Ministries - NewSong Church

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STUDENT MINISTRIES

SENIOR TRIBUTE

Name of Student: _____

Dear Parents,

Please take the time to write a tribute to your senior that will be read at the Senior Barak. You can make it serious – what you appreciate most about your child, areas you've seen them grow, or ways that you see God using them in the future. You can make it humorous – a funny story, an incident, or something amusing that is typical of them. Or you can mix a little of both. The main point is to honor and bless your child as they transition into a new phase of life.

Dear _____:

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Love, _____

NOTE: Please return a copy of the **tribute to Chris Neal @ NewSong Church by June 6th.**