

New Beginnings

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i·life Summer Church Powerful Passages

Family Life Encouraged & Amazed

Hello All!

For us here in Champaign it felt like Summer took it's time getting here. This week the weather sure has changed and we're enjoying hot temps and finding time to cool off in the local pool.

Illini Life Summer Church has been in full-swing for several weeks. Nick kicked off our sermon series by sharing out of Acts chapter 15 about how we are saved by grace through faith alone. This set the tone for our coming weeks as we invited key leaders in the church to share from passages that have been transformative and inspirational in their walk with Jesus. It's a series we're calling "Now! That's What I Call Scripture!" playing off the top hits compilation albums commonly advertised years ago.

One leader shared from Joshua 24:15 about the importance of his walk with the Lord in leading himself and his family. Another shared about caring for our neighbors out of Luke 10:25-37. Yet another shared from the Psalms about trusting and waiting on the Lord. Hearing each of their personal interactions with God's word has been powerful and we have enjoyed hearing from these fresh voices we don't often hear preach on a Sunday.

Nathan continues to be a joyful, happy boy. He loves playing outside and is fascinated by trucks. With all the construction happening on campus right now it is great free entertainment to drive or walk around watching cement trucks, dump trucks, cranes, and tractors at work.

Nick and Amy are enjoying more time with him together with the less busy work/life rhythm the Summer brings. While Nathan loves playing outside, he is often happy to sit on our laps and read book after book (or the same book over and over again). He is learning new words everyday and working so hard to communicate.

Watching our son grow keeps us in a constant state of amazement at the gift and beauty of life and design God has instilled in each of us. We have been encouraged and built-up in our faith as we've parented this little man.

We are excited to take a brief family vacation to Michigan to visit family the week of the July 4th. It has been since Christmas that much of the family has seen Nathan.

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Prayer Requests

- For Amy, Nick, and Nathan to enjoy the summer in Champaign.
- For God to continue to move through our guest speakers this Summer.
- For a safe trip to Michigan and back.

