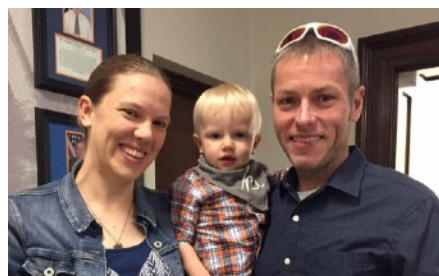
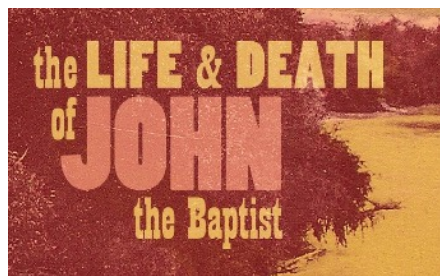


New Beginnings

March 2020



Nick & Amy Modrzejewski

Missionaries on the campus of University of Illinois with Illini Life Christian Fellowship



Spring Semester Going Digital

The Spring Semester has passed the halfway point here and we are about to begin Spring Break. So far this year we've had great chances to meet new students and share the Gospel.

At our Coffee Tent 2 weeks ago an undergraduate girl asked us if she could attend our service because she had never been to a church before. The Lord opened doors that weekend for her to hear Nick preach the Gospel clearly in his sermon, and for students to share with her individually at lunch afterward. We're praying the truth of Jesus bears fruit in her life. Additionally, we had a chance to meet a graduate student who is very interested in Christianity, but hasn't made a decision to follow Jesus yet. He has begun to attend our Grad small group and Sunday Service and this past week asked us to pray he would find truth and believe.

Amidst the global Covid-19 concerns, we are following the University guidelines and disbanding all gatherings of 50 or more. This means our Sunday service can't happen in person. Instead, we're going to be live-streaming it online to continue to serve our students and community. Likewise, our small groups are moving to video conferencing for now. We're adjusting, but committed to remaining the Church as best we can in these trying days.

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An Update Church Leadership

Last fall we shared with you that there had been some allegations and concerns raised in the life of Nick's co-pastor Wayne Wager. In light of those, a third party investigation was commissioned by our missions agency. As a result of the findings of that investigation we made the decision this winter to remove him from his role and pastorate. This was done in agreement with our missions agency, the Collegiate Church Network, and our local leadership team.

The investigation revealed a pattern of careless and harmful speech toward individuals under his care and a disregard for his power and authority as a pastor leading to confrontation that was inappropriate, harmful, and wrong. We believe this behavior constituted an abuse of power and patterns of speech constituted harassment.

Nick has been joined by Mike Klunke, a pastor at the Collegiate church at Illinois State University to lead though this time. Together they are working to establish a functioning Elder Board and continue clear communication with the church and the victims that came forward.

Prayer Requests

- For Amy, Nick, and Nathan to be encouraged in the Lord and fruitful in ministry.
- For the health and safety of all people amidst this pandemic, including our campus and church community.
- For healing in the lives of those hurt by Wayne's leadership over the years.
- For the continued leadership and growth of Illini Life.

