

# New Beginnings

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### Semester End Celebration

### Campus Life New Life in Christ

Hello! As we write to you students have finished finals, graduates are snapping pictures in caps and gowns, and dorm rooms are being emptied. The spring semester finished up a few days ago and students have transitioned to summer responsibilities. Here in Illini Life we are taking a few weeks off and will begin a mid-week service when summer classes resume.

It has been our tradition for several years now to offer baptisms and celebrate all the work God has done in and through Illini Life for our final service of the semester. Celebrating together felt extra sweet this year as we were able to reserve an outdoor pavilion and have lunch together in person. It marked one of only 3 times we were able to gather in person as a church this school year. Many of our meetings were online or broken into smaller groups.

As we reflected on all the people who served in the church this year, all the stories of faith that were shared, and all the scripture we engaged with, we were filled with joy and encouragement.

If that wasn't enough, two young women chose to get baptized having had significant growth in their walk with the Lord this year and choosing to step out in faith to be baptized. It certainly was a cause for celebration!

Beyond the expressions of faith made in baptism, we also had a young man who has been around Illini Life for his entire undergrad choose to follow Jesus. He grew up Muslim and came to the U of I to study engineering. He met a few of our student leaders in classes and began to come around to church events, eventually becoming a regular member of a small group.

On several occasions, his peers shared the Gospel with him and many of us prayed regularly for him to come to faith in Jesus. A year or so ago at a church event a leader off-handedly said "we're all Christians here..." and this young man objected loudly declaring he was not.

Fast forward to a few weeks ago, one of my staff members got together with him as he was preparing to graduate from his undergraduate program and start his graduate work here. He asked him where he stood with Jesus and the young man proudly exclaimed he had become a Christian!

It took 4 years of belonging to our community, but God drew him into relationship with Himself and saved him!

### Prayer Requests

- For Amy, Nick, and Nathan to be encouraged in the Lord and have a restful summer season.
- Praise for the two female students who were baptized this semester.
- Praise for the young man who put his faith in Jesus this semester.

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