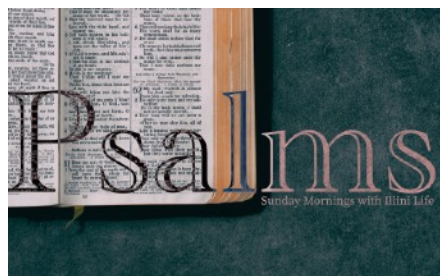


New Beginnings

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Sunday Service Preaching

Hello! We hope this finds you well as the days get shorter and the temperatures begin to hint at the coming of winter. Snow flurries pass by the window as we write you today. Where has the Fall gone?!?!

When we last wrote you we were just getting back into the rhythm of in-person services on campus. As we approach Thanksgiving Break it again feels normal for us and our students. Attendance still remains around 50 on Sundays, with additional viewers on our YouTube livestream. Our small group attendance is averaging closer to 75 on a weekly basis.

We began the year teaching through the book of Acts in 8 weeks, a challenging task to say the least. We received consistent feedback about how exciting and encouraging the book and teachings were. Nick has had a passion for the book of Acts for a number of years so it was a great experience to preach through it. Lately, we've been focusing on the Psalms, helping give our students the tools to engage with, learn from, and worship through studying them.

It has been a sweet semester of engage with our scripture for the week in small groups and then hearing it preached on Sundays.

Small Groups

2 Stories of Connection

We've had three small groups meeting weekly, one focused on grad students, one focused on the Urbana side of campus, and one focused on the Champaign side.

Amy has been attending the Champaign small group. A few weeks ago a new guy showed up and, over the course of the evening, it became clear he was an atheist. Some of our leaders reached out to him, and learned he's trying to understand Christianity after a friend back home became a Christian. We've had a chance to share the Gospel with him and he's come regularly to small group and is engaging through asking his questions. We invite you to pray with us for him to come to faith and believe in Jesus as his savior.

Another student reached out to Nick and one of our staff after attending service via our livestream for a few weeks. She has had a difficult time making the transition to college and was feeling quite lonely, anxious, and burdened with health concerns. Nick met with her to listen to her, care for her, and help her connect to the resources she needed on campus (health services, a counselor, and a small group community). Pray with us for her to feel the love of Christ in her life and to find a place of belonging in the church.

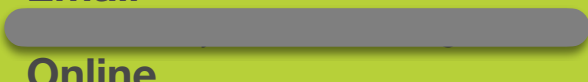
Prayer Requests

- For Amy, Nick, and Nathan to be a light for Jesus to those we meet as we are present on campus.
- For the student in Amy's Small Group to accept Jesus as his savior.
- For the girl struggling to transition to college life to find her peace and belonging in Christ.

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