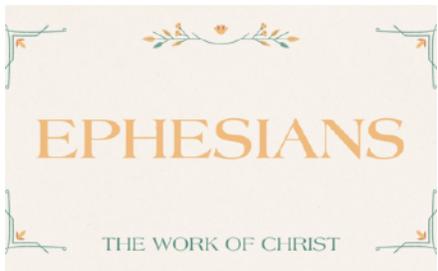


New Beginnings

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

i·life Spring Semester Teaching & Evangelism

Hello! We hope this finds you well and warm. We have been enduring bitter cold, ice and lots of rain here in central Illinois the last few weeks and are ready for warmer days, walks on the Quad, and picnic lunches after Sunday Service again. Despite the cold, the spring semester is off to a great start here at U of I.

We have been studying through the book of Ephesians in our Small Groups and Nick has been leading our Sunday teachings focusing on Paul's unpacking of the Gospel and its implications in our lives. In a few weeks we will pause on Ephesians as we turn to the Psalms and prepare our hearts for Easter. Then, to wrap-up the school year we'll return to Ephesians to finish the second half of the book with clear instructions for Christian living in light of the Gospel. Nick has been excitedly shaping these teachings for awhile and working with a few other teachers to share the teaching load.

Not all our time is spent on teaching content. This semester we are inviting students to join us for a bi-weekly time of Spiritual Conversations. For an hour we walk around in pairs asking students if they'd be willing to share with us their spiritual beliefs and hear ours. We've done these regularly in the past, but this semester we're making a concerted effort to get more students involved

through offering it more frequently. Last week Nick and a leader met Michael who was reading C.S. Lewis Mere Christianity. They had a great conversation, Nick shared the Gospel, but he wasn't ready to receive Christ. We invite you to pray God would continue to draw him to faith in Christ.

Lastly, the start of the semester brought the launch of our plans for a Spring Break Missions Trip. We'll be returning to Memphis, TN to partner with Service Over Self (SOS), a longterm partner in ministry and a key worker in the racially divided community of Memphis. We look forward to sharing more about that trip later this semester.

Thanks for your partnership with Reliant on our behalf. We're excited to continue to influence students for Jesus here at U of I and couldn't do it without you.

Continued Support Needs

We are so thankful for many of you responding to our needs for additional support, replacing lost support and accommodating the growing needs of our family. It's a joy to be partnered with you all in this Gospel work. We currently are \$750/month under funded. If you'd like to increase your gift or start a gift, we'd love to talk to you about that.

Prayer Requests

- For our study through Ephesians and the Psalms as a Church.
- For God to draw Michael to faith in Christ.
- For planning and preparation for our Spring Break mission trip to Memphis, TN with S.O.S.
- For an additional \$750 in monthly support.

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Where We Live

Spiritual Conversations

At the Illini Union
Every other Wednesday
3:00 - 4:00pm



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FOR I DECIDED TO KNOW NOTHING AMONG YOU
EXCEPT JESUS CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED

