New Beginnings





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Summer Church Prayer, Worship, & Outreach

As June draws to a close we are enjoying our summer rhythms here in Illini Life. For years we've pivoted our schedule during the summer to meet the needs and culture of our campus community.

A highlight of our summer schedule is a weekly prayer walk on campus. Nick, the staff team and anyone else that wants to join us spend an hour walking parts of campus and praying for God to use us to reach students for Jesus. We pray for the students that will arrive in the fall, those returning, and grad students moving in to begin their graduate work. We pray for our student leaders, elders, and volunteers. We pray for God to move and include us in His work.

After we pray, we spend time chalking the main quad with invitations to church services, and outreach events later that day. This past week, that chalk led to a chance to play ultimate frisbee with some grad students, then into a conversation after the game, and then into an invitation to our church cookout and a game night. These 4 grad students are from India and are finishing up their 1 year study

in the US. We are praying they continue to respond favorably to our invitations and would come to faith in Christ before they leave at the end of the summer. We invite you to pray with us for these 4 students too!

The slower pace of the summer schedule also affords the church community more time to be together and enjoy fellowship. Already there have been 2 trips coordinated by church members to go tubing on the Middle Fork River at Kickapoo State Park about 30 minutes from campus. These are great memory makers, a chance to beat the heat and have fun.

Lastly, it has been exciting to see new faces each week at our worship service. We have had students inviting roommates and co-workers, individuals finding us online and joining us, and people we have met during outreach times. We hold service at the house of one of our elders just off campus and many people stay and play games, talk, and hangout for hours after service.

We hope you are enjoying your summer and seeing God at work in your midst. Thanks for all you do to make this work possible here at U of I!

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Where We Live

Prayer Requests

- Pray for God to draw incoming students to Him.
- For the 4 grad students from India to come to faith in Jesus.
- For our summer services to continue to be an inviting and welcoming place for new people.



