

New Beginnings

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i-life Semester Wrap-Up Thanksgiving & Advent

Hello, we hope this finds you well. Fresh off of celebrating Thanksgiving, we are encouraged and excited to enter into the season of Advent and help students finish the semester well. With just 3 weeks left of the semester, campus is growing increasingly more focused academically. It won't be long until final exams happen and campus empties for Christmas Break.

This is a favorite time of year for our family with holiday traditions, time to see extended family, and lots of memory makers in campus ministry. In just over a week we'll gather the church at a home for a meal and prayer to kick-off finals week.

On the final Sunday service before Christmas break, our kids and the few others in the church will put on a Christmas pageant for the church, guaranteed to be cute and bring a smile to all the students missing their younger siblings back home.

Lastly, for a number of years Nick has invited the church to focus their scripture reading and quiet times around Advent leading up to Christmas. We use an online platform that allows the church to read

and discuss daily. We're eager to get that started on December 1st again this year.

As music about the birth of Jesus and the Christmas decorations permeate our campus and community, we are encouraging everyone in the church to reach out to those around them and invite them to Sunday Service, to read scripture in an Advent devotional, or to come to a small group these next three weeks. We are praying for the Christmas season to multiply the openness toward spiritual conversations and the Gospel that we have been seeing on campus this fall. We invite you to pray with us for more opportunities to share Jesus as the semester wraps up here at Illinois.

Support Need

It has been awhile since we have shared a support need thanks to so many of you giving so generously! In the past several months we have had a significant shift in our support with some having to reduce or stop giving. We are currently under funded by \$1,337 per month. You should have received a letter in the past week about end-of-year giving to Reliant on our behalf. To meet this support shortage this coming year we are asking God to provide through extra giving, or through new donors and increases from current donors. We invite you to prayerfully consider if you can help meet that need.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for the semester to wrap-up well for students.
- Pray for Gospel opportunities this Advent season.
- For additional monthly support.

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