

# New Beginnings



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### Semester Start Preaching & Missions

Hello and Happy New Year! We hope this finds you well. As much of the country sits buried under snow, ice, and freezing temperatures, the University of Illinois kicked off the Spring Semester.

It has been great to see students return and campus full again. The timing of the winter storm meant all our small groups were able to meet the first week of classes, but our first Sunday Service had to be digital via Zoom and YouTube. Thankfully, we still had the equipment and knowledge to make that happen from the years of the Covid pandemic.

Nick kicked off the semester by starting a 5 week study that examines the main themes of the book of Joshua. As we continue with our goal of teaching through the overarching story of the Bible every 4 years, it's exciting to see students wrestling with God at work in ancient Israel, being faithful to His promises and embracing that same truth in their own lives. He is and always has been a faithful God, true to His promises!

After our study of Joshua, we'll be looking at the 3 times Jesus predicts his death in Mark chapters 8-10

and the discipleship challenges Jesus gives the 12 disciples. We're doing this study during Lent and building to Easter, with a call to students to invite their friends and roommates to come learn about Jesus and hear the Gospel in small groups and on Sundays. Pray with us for God to move in the lives of students as they encounter Him in the Word and in community.

As the semester begins we also begin planning and preparing for Spring Break. This year we'll be returning to Memphis, TN to work with Service Over Self doing home repair for those in need. This is always an impactful and challenging trip for our students as they encounter and serve those in a much different economic situation and life circumstance.

## Thank You!

Many of you gave generously in November, December and January to help offset the shortfall in support we were projected to have this coming year. Thank you so much for your prayers and giving, resulting in us being fully funded for the coming year of ministry! We are so encouraged and grateful for all you do in support of the Gospel going out at the U of I through us.

## Prayer Requests

- Pray for the semester to start well for students.
- Pray for students to invite their peers to encounter Jesus in small group Bible studies and Sunday Service.
- For the planning and preparing for our Spring Break missions trip to Memphis, TN



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