

New Beginnings

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gospel
conversations

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i-life Spring Semester Outreach & Philippians

With April behind us, the spring semester is quickly drawing to an end here at Illinois. We are preparing to celebrate graduates, send off others to summer missions, and galvanize those staying on campus for the summer. It's an exciting time of the year, but so was this past month.

In April we set a goal of breaking our previous church record of sharing the Gospel 54 recorded times in a school year. As we write we are well beyond that number and still climbing! So far this school year we have shared the Gospel 74 times. We have seen God at work motivating our students and leaders to share Jesus with those around them. As we come to the end of the school year we are preparing for a baptism service as well to invite those that have put their faith in Christ to publicly proclaim this decision through baptism.

Not only are we seeing fruit in proclaiming the Gospel, we had several fun events students could invite their classmates, roommates, and friends too. A highlight was "Entertainment Night" where we filled a lecture hall and our students and staff "entertained"

us for the evening with different acts, performances, and comedy. We call it entertainment night because no talent is required. An evening of laughing together was a great start to deeper friendships and positive responses to invites to church and small group for several that attended.

Throughout the month we also spent our Sundays studying through the book of Philippians. Nick enjoyed teaching through the chapters and pointing out God's call for all of us to have our lives centered on Christ. Alongside the teaching series we challenged the church to collectively read through the book 100 times. Each person was allowed to count 3 of their readings toward that goal and it came down to the wire, but we did it! We had a fun display board where individuals could place a sticker on the board for each of their readings, when all 100 stickers were in place it made the image of our teaching series graphic. It was a fun and creative new way for us to engage with scripture collectively as a church body.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for the school year to wrap-up well.
- Praise God for 74+ opportunities to share the Gospel this school year.
- Pray for those considering baptism to decide to do so and publicly proclaim their faith in Christ through this sacrament.

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