

New Beginnings

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Fall Semester Outreach & Worship

Hello! We hope this finds you well as August draws to a close and the school year begins. Here at Illinois we've been busy welcoming new students for the past 3 weeks and it's be so rewarding.

Over the first week of campus move-in we had a chance to meet over **160** new students looking for a church home on campus. That was before classes even began! At our first Sunday Service of the semester we had **72** people present and **15** of them were new students interested in finding a church on campus.

Being new on campus comes with an overwhelming amount of opportunities and ways to spend your time. We pray a Christian community remains a priority for students.

Our staff and student leaders have been working to faithfully follow up all these individuals to make sure they get a personal invite to a small group, Sunday service each week and any specially events we're doing.

Speaking of special events, we've had a special event for students to attend and meet us and each other every night we don't have a small group these past

weeks. It's been a great way to connect with those that like to play sports on the quad, or those that like to play board games in the Illini Union, or those that like to eat ice-cream and socialize.

One event we have held for 3 years in a row now is a breakfast we call "Pancakes with the Pastor." The Saturday before classes start, we open up our office right next to campus and cook up pancakes and breakfast foods and invite students to come eat and meet Nick and the Elders.

We love being part of this event as a family instead of just Nick going to talk with students. Our son (8 years old) and daughter (4 years old) were quite social as usual and befriended two freshman guys that Nick was talking with. This event has been a great chance for students with a strong faith background to come and ask their questions about us as a church and hear directly from the pastor.

As classes enter their second week, we're beginning to settle into our regular rhythms more and begin our planning and preparation for Fall Retreat in 5 weeks time. We invite you to pray for the new students we are meeting and for Fall Retreat preparations.

Prayer Requests

- For continued opportunities to meet new students and share Jesus with them.
- For all the students we have met that are looking for a church home to find one for their college years.
- For Fall Retreat preparation to be fruitful.

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