

New Beginnings

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Missionaries on the campus of University of Illinois with Illini Life Christian Fellowship



A Full Fall

Retreats, Sermons, and Events

Illini Life has made it through the flurry of new student month activities in September and groups are beginning to settle into the individual identities they've created, even as they continue reaching out to their friends and dorm-mates.

At the culmination of new student month, Nick and Amy spent their final childless Fall Retreat bunked with the students from their Fellowship (top right photo) at beautiful Little Galilee Camp near Clinton, IL. After years of holding the retreat at the same camp outside Peoria, we struck out to try something new and it served us incredibly well. The 135 who attended heard our neighboring Ball State University pastor Carl Frost speak on "Making All Things New," where he painted a clear picture of our need for the Gospel and God's redemptive work in the world.

Nick is continuing to enjoy his seminary class on Biblical Preaching and has had the chance to put it to practical use twice this semester. This past Sunday, he taught on marriage as part of a series on relationships and on October 1st, he gave a convicting message on unity within the church as part of our "2nd Look" series. If interested, you can check them out at <http://www.illinilife.org/listen>.

Amy recently joined a new discipleship group (called a Huddle) with some other graduates and older women within the church. She is enjoying the space to talk about life and faith with her peers while simultaneously learning new tools with which to disciple the young women she meets with.

Amy also has the chance to sit up front with Nick in several Sundays from now as part of a panel for Q & A's related to the current series on relationships (friendship, dating, marriage, and singleness). This will be her first time up front with a mic and she would appreciate your prayers for wisdom and clarity in her responses as she speaks "off the cuff" and in front of a large audience (two of her less than favorite things).

On a personal note, this coming week, we both head to Panama City, Florida for Nick's final (and biggest) race of the season. He will be racing with his twin brother and several triathlete friends from across the country. Amy is excited to cheer him on and enjoy the beach, having gotten the doctor's permission to go too, as her last chance at travel for awhile before the upcoming labor and delivery. Besides, who in the chilly, rainy, dark Midwest wouldn't mind several days down south? We'd love your prayers for safe travels and a good "mini vacation" pre-baby.

Prayer Requests

- Body Mod's continued healthy growth and development.
- We're currently at 90% of our needed monthly support, covering salary and cost of ministry.
- Continued growth and refinement of small group leaders.
- For students who continue to orbit on the fringes of our ministry-that they would answer the invitation to jump more deeply into the community here and also hear the Gospel.

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