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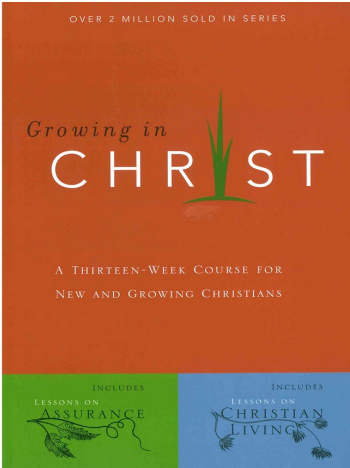


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In June, the newsletter mentioned a woman who walked out of the worship service. She took offense while reading a missionary update. The message conflicted with her

nominal religious background and Buddhist philosophy. Prayer was requested.

Last month, that woman placed her trust in Jesus for salvation! She has begun meeting with another woman to work through the Growing in Christ course. She has been sharing her faith at work. Recently, she brought a client to church. And, she is scheduled to be baptized this month! Thank you for praying!



Last month, Crossroads hosted a Back to Church event with a barbecue. It was great to watch the congregation working together to reach out. Worship was a joy. Ministry leaders and participants were able to share in the service. And, everyone was able to relax and connect throughout the afternoon.



The Connor family was able to return to church that Sunday. It's been two months since Mike had emergency cancer surgery. It's been a challenging road so far, but Mike is gaining strength day-by-day. Though no one wants a cancer diagnosis, Mike and Margarete have been encouraged by a favorable prognosis. Thank you for praying!

The Souls on Fire youth ministry began their new season last month. They had a great start! So far, the group has students from six different schools. Please pray for these young people as they live out their faith each day. Please pray for James and Reth Arleth as they lead.



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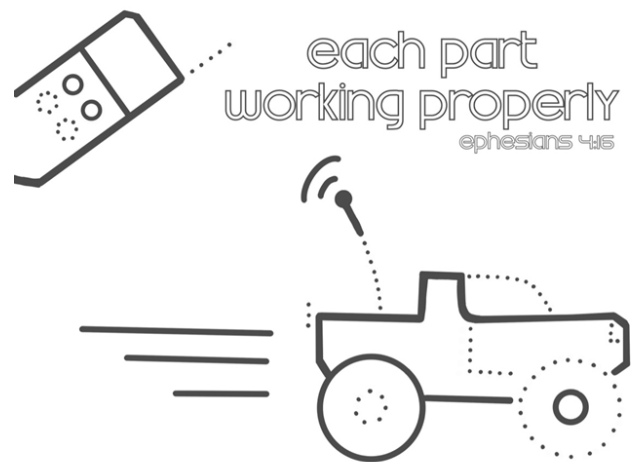
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### **“Back to the Basics” Family Sundays**

Our first Sundays in the last couple of months have become a family-integrated sermon time, where we keep all the kids in for the whole service time instead of dismissing them for the sermon. While we’ve been aiming to be at the kids’ level with the preaching, it’s been of benefit to all of us to sit back and think through the basics of our faith in Jesus. Whether we are taking a look at the core of the Gospel, how it impacts our lives daily, or what it means to be part of a church family, all the adults in the room need those reminders also. Pray that God instills these truths into young hearts to equip them for a lifetime of following Jesus.

### **Homelessness & the Great Need for Housing**

Our city is dealing with the fallout of a massive homeless camp of roughly 100 people being kicked out of their current location. While Citylight has not had a regular team of people going to that particular camp, we’re anticipating the ones that we do head to swelling in size. Amidst the discouragement of this situation, one homeless man who I’ve been working with for quite a while informed me that he will soon be moving into a room rental. Pray that Pirate (his street name) would start to follow Jesus with his life and that this new housing situation would work out well. This is his first place after rough-sleeping for 15 years.



**Pastor Pete Forshtay—[peteforshtay@gmail.com](mailto:peteforshtay@gmail.com)**

Please continue to pray for the Forshtays as they serve the Lord in the Wissinoming neighborhood of Philadelphia.



Last month the church focused their attention on the book of Colossians, learning about all that believers possess in Jesus Christ. The “hope of glory” enables believers to live with confident assurance about the future and the present. Please pray for growing strength and stability as disciples follow Christ. Pray that family

and friends would see the change and be drawn to Jesus.

The Lord continues to use Pete in the lives of young men seeking growth and leadership. Please ask the Lord to develop and call those



He would choose to serve in the city.

Please continue to pray for Anthony, Katie and Josie Elliott as they partner with the Forshtays in Philadelphia.



**Thank you for advancing the gospel in the city!**