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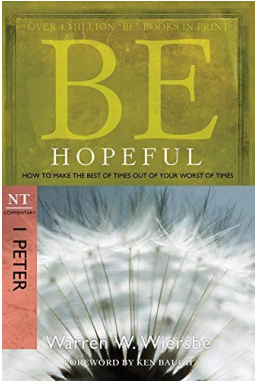
Developing Urban Churches

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Last month, Crossroads hosted a **Church Family Fellowship**. The congregation shared lunch, discussed current ministries and planned. It's encouraging to see a group of believers working together with love and commitment. Pray that people would see the love of Christ and be drawn into relationship with Jesus.



Crossroads is eager to begin a new season of ministry as fall draws near. When students head back to school, families resume routines that lend rhythm to their lives and ministries.

This month the congregation will begin **Bible Training** on Sunday mornings. The group will study through 1 Peter using a study guide called Be Hopeful. Pray for broad participation and steady growth. Pray for leaders who are learners, too. In addition, Crossroads will begin a new monthly gathering on Wednesday nights called **Pizza, Praise and Prayer**. Ask the Lord to use this gathering to

change lives and empower the work of the church.

Souls on Fire will kick off their fall ministry with a barbecue this month. Mike Connor, the leader of this ministry, has been sidelined as he deals with a new cancer diagnosis. We'd value your prayers for Mike, Margarete and their family.



But, in the meantime, others have stepped up to serve students and their families. James and Reth Arleth will host and lead. Please pray for them. We saw significant growth in this ministry in the last year. Please ask the Lord to continue working in the lives of students and their families.

During a recent time of testimony, a mother thanked the Lord for bringing her back to church. When her son was injured in a car accident, she began driving him to church. She realized that it

was good for her, too. And, she has begun to participate more and more. Crossroads also plans to host a **Back to Church Sunday** this month, too. The congregation is being encouraged to invite friends, family and those who have fallen away. Please ask the Lord to use a simple worship service and lunch to draw people to Himself.



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The Family Update

Our kids have been the joy of our lives! God has used them to bring the Gospel into many of their friends' lives as they navigate a world where quite a few of their friends do not follow Jesus with their lives. God has used Owen's relentless moral ethic to exhibit what a life pointed towards Jesus looks like. He's done so in public school settings. He'll

face a new challenge as he begins his freshman year at the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts. Pray for his spirit to stay tender to the Holy Spirit's leading and that he would speak with truth and grace. He passionately desires his friends to come to Jesus. Jenna's sphere of influence has been acting in films. She was cast for a role in an indie film, which has been her place to be Christlike amidst a group that seems barren of Gospel-influence. She enters into her junior year of high school and is earnestly searching the Lord's will for her future.



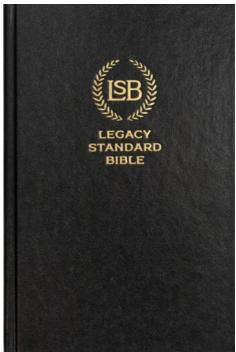
After the art gallery that she worked at closed, Kristen has been seeking what God would have for her next. She might have found that, as she brings her artwork to regional art shows and craft fairs. Pray that God gives her encouragement in that space. She seeks to fulfill the Lord's purpose and contribute to the family finances. I've found myself in the midst of transitions as we seek to find replacements for our recently departed associate pastor's responsibilities. My role has been taking on the youth group as well as some increasing relational responsibilities in counseling and general soul care. Please

pray that we can find ministry leaders to step into some of these areas. Thank you for praying for our family. Some of you have reached out in different ways to provide encouragement, and I thank you for that. Your prayers are coveted.

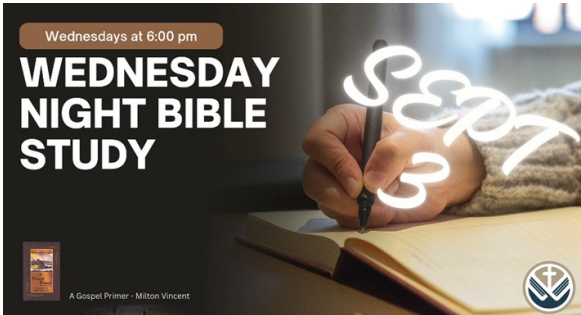


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Word of Grace Church is eagerly anticipating God's work this fall! They are preparing to serve the Lord with an emphasis on Biblical truth. As it came time to replace the New American Standard Bibles used on Sunday mornings, it was discovered that newer editions were changing. So Pastor Pete



researched various versions that are currently available. He found that the Legacy Standard Bible would be the best tool to help the church proclaim Biblical truth. So, recently the congregation switched to that version for Sunday worship. Please ask the Lord to help disciples at Word of Grace to read, understand and apply God's word.



Toward that end, the congregation will resume Wednesday night Bible Study this month. They plan to work through A Gospel Primer by Milton Vincent. This work intends to help believers preach the gospel to themselves daily so they can reflect on God's love and experience the power of the gospel to transform all areas of life.



Please continue to pray for the group of young adults growing at Word of Grace Church. Ask the Lord to use them as they share His truth with neighbors. Pray that they would be known as Christians because of their love. Pray for the Forshtays and Elliotts as they lead.



Thank you for helping us develop urban churches!