

Ministry Update

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Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20



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Prayers and Praise

- Praise God for the growth in Maroon Family. Please pray that our people would be a light and a blessing to the people around them who don't know the Lord.
- Please pray for Brendan as he takes the first few steps in his relationship with Jesus. Pray for me as I disciple him as well.
- Please pray for open doors and new connections for me through playing basketball on campus. Pray that God would use me to demonstrate His love and truth to the people I meet there.

Hey friends,

I hope this update finds you well. It's been an exciting month here in Blacksburg and I'm eager to share some stories of what God has been doing in our church.

A couple of months ago, I shared about a guy who had been involved in our church for quite some time but didn't believe in God. I got the chance to spend a lot of time with him (his name is Brendan, by the way) over the summer and talk with him about the Gospel. Throughout the first half of this semester, he and I continued to get together and talk about God. I got to answer many of his questions and challenge him to spend some time reading the Bible and praying even if he wasn't sure there was a God who would hear him. Two weeks ago, he and I were having lunch and I asked him where he was with God. He told me that he had come to a place where he was no longer sure what he doubted about God. He felt like he had just been skeptical for so long that he had a general feeling of doubt in his mind but he couldn't name what he specifically doubted anymore. I asked him to try to reflect over the next few days about what it was specifically that he doubted about God. At the end of that week, he asked God to adopt him as His son. Praise the Lord! It's incredible to see how far he has come over the past two years and that the Lord finally opened his eyes to the truth of the Gospel. Please be praying for Brendan as starts his



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journey with Jesus that he feels close to God and that he would begin spending his life loving God and loving the people around him.

Last month, I talked about the role that Megan and I have in “parenting” the “Maroon Engage Group Family”. Our family of Engage Groups has four groups and we disciple the leaders, help them lead their groups, and work to build community within and between the groups.



As I mentioned, Maroon Family has been in a season of transition for the first half of the semester and it has felt at times like we’re starting from scratch. However, we’ve really seen the Lord move in the last month. We’re starting to see community being formed between our groups. We have several new leaders this semester and they are starting to really get the hang of leading. Overall, we’re no longer at ground zero in the Maroon Family.

One of our biggest prayers for Maroon Family is that God would move in our relationships with people who don’t know Jesus. We ask our students to consider the people that are already in their lives who don’t know Jesus. These people are all around us: in dorms and classes, at work, in

our group project teams, etc. We believe that God has connected us to people so that we can be light and a blessing to them and we encourage our students to do just that. One of the Engage Groups in Maroon Family has started having game nights in Lee Hall. That’s a dorm where one of our leaders is a resident advisor. It’s a way for them to connect with the people on that hall and build relationships so that they’re able to serve them and share Jesus with them. All of our groups do things like this to try to build relationships with the people in their lives. However, reaching out to people who don’t know Jesus is usually the most difficult aspect for our students to live out in their Engage Groups. Even though it’s one of Jesus’s most foundational commands to us, it’s not something that most of our students have a lot of experience with. Many of them don’t even know where to begin trying to reach out to their friends. This is going to be a big focus for Megan and me for the rest of the semester. We’re trying to model it for our students as well as discipling them to figure out how to live it out themselves. I’ve started going to one of the gyms on campus a couple times a week to play basketball as a way to meet students and build relationships. It also gives me an opportunity to show our students what it looks like to engage the people around us. Please be praying that the Lord would use us both to reach students who don’t know Him on campus and to show our students how to reach the people around them with the Gospel. Pray that our Engage Groups would be a light on campus and that God would reach people through them. Pray for our students as they try to live out their faith and have spiritual conversations.



We are so thankful for every one of you. I am constantly encouraged by the thought that there are people praying all the time for our church and for Meg and me. May the Lord bless you for your sacrifice and love. May He continue to use your investment to further His Kingdom here in Blacksburg. As always, please let us know of ways that we can be praying for you. Again, thank you! We couldn’t do this without you.