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Crossroads prioritizes

biblical truth, biblical relationships and biblical mission.

Biblical relationships grow stronger when friends connect around shared experiences. Last month, some of the church family gathered to celebrate the New Year. Sharing life around food, fun and fellowship creates lasting memories. And it fosters a sense of belonging for young and old. Please pray for strong relationships at Crossroads.

Each January Crossroads celebrates Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. It reminds us to value, defend and protect each human life.

This year the congregation was able to partner with a new ministry in Northeast Philadelphia. Magnolia Women's Center offers non-judgmental, confidential support for women from all walks of life. The Center exists to help those facing unplanned pregnancies by providing emotional support, medical services, education, individual advocacy, resources and post-abortive healing, all free of charge.

Supportive staff cares about the physical, emotional, and spiritual aspects of every life. They offer men & women truth, hope, and guidance so they can make an informed decision. Please pray for this important ministry.



Camp Conquest opened registration last month. I know, it's hard to begin thinking about summer camp in the middle of the winter. But, about a dozen students have already expressed interest in attending!

Last year, seven students participated. And, Camp Conquest made a huge impact! Two students trusted Christ for salvation that week. And, two teens hope to train as counselors. Please ask the Lord to provide all that is needed to help each student attend.



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Warming Hands & Hearts

It's always a joy to head out to the woods to reconnect with rough-sleeping individuals who we have been building relationships with for about seven years



now. As we equip them with survival materials to keep them warm, they all enjoy time spent in conversation also. As we continue our philosophy of relational ministry, I know that other leaders must be raised up in order to reach more. One of our new deacons is committing to taking on a homeless camp that he will regularly head out to and bring others along with. Praise God for multiplication of ministry.

Regarding our Family

I praise God often for the family that he has allowed me to be a part of. My wife and kids are constant sources of encouragement. Owen, our 14 year old, has had constant struggles with health almost since birth. He's done battle with the mental component of dealing with chronic pain & food allergies, and God has grown him mightily in his spirit this past year. He's an example to me of joy in the midst of struggle. The doctors at CHOP (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia) have been working with us for over a year and have now prescribed a medication that he will be starting into soon. Supposedly many with his condition have found help through it. Please pray that he will be one who does as well.



As always, our family & church family treasure your prayers. God continues to make inroads for His Gospel here in Allentown, PA.



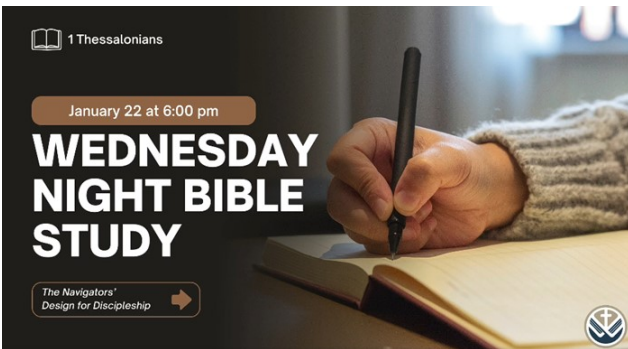
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Please continue to pray for Pete and Danielle Forshtay as they serve the Lord in the Wissinoming section of Philadelphia.



Last month the Forshtays led their group in Bible study. They began the

final book the Design for Discipleship series from the Navigators. Those who've participated from the beginning have gained a solid foundation in the faith. This unit teaches disciples how to study the Word on their own. Please pray for mature believers who will serve the Lord years to come.



Anthony and Katie Elliott continue to partner with the Forshtays. Recently, Katie said, "7 years ago we graduated college together. It's crazy to believe we are living what we longed for, what we worked for, and what we prayed for." This month the Elliotts will lead Financial Peace University in the community. It's a nine week course that provides a simple, common sense way to handle finances. Participants will learn to evaluate their personal behavior and develop a spirit of generosity. They are partnering with Bless Philadelphia, a community develop corporation that seeks the well-being of neighbors. Please pray for the Elliotts as they serve.

