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Crossroads is excited about Camp Conquest!

Last year, two students came to trust Jesus for salvation at camp! Fourteen students plan

to participate this summer. And, two teens have been accepted into a three-

week program called STACC—Service Training at Camp Conquest. The congregation is praying for significant spiritual impact as students leave their urban context, experience the countryside and interact with Christians who want to help them grow. Please pray with us.

It costs about \$500 for each camper. So Crossroads is praying and giving to raise \$7,000. Could the Lord use you to help? Just mark your gift, "Camp."



Crossroads continues to reach out to Northeast Philadelphia and Lower Bucks County. The church held a Spring Outreach early last month. Though it rained that day, the event was moved inside, new guests were welcomed and young families had fun. Please pray for growing relationships in the community.



Later in the month, the church family hosted

Threefold Communion. Several newer believers participated for the first time. And, a guest from Liberia shared about footwashing services in her home country. There is a growing sense of unity among a diverse group of believers at Crossroads.

Services on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday enabled the group to revel in the King, reflect on the cross

and rejoice in the resurrection. Please pray that guests would be converted and assimilated into the congregation.



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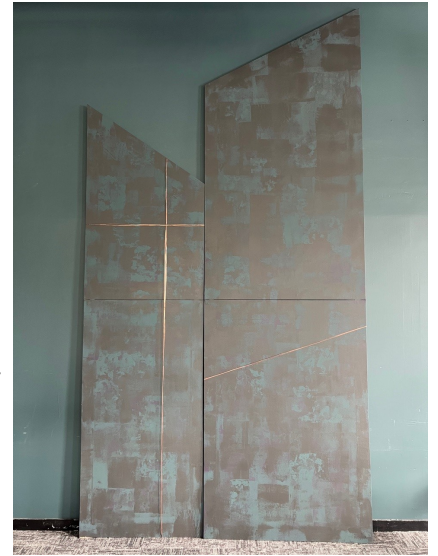
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New Elder Installation

Citylight added another elder onto our team. He is a former missionary in retirement who will now take on the mantle of the eldest



of our group. It's a privilege as a pastor to have maturity on the team, so I count it as a blessing to be one of the youngest of our current leadership team. Hopefully, God will use the years of experience to better pass on God's Word to the next generation.



Resurrection Sunday

Having our own building has allowed us freedom to be creative in decor that draws our minds and hearts to Christ. Kristin and others within our church family have leaned into creative artistry this Easter season. With the world's images of bunnies & eggs surrounding this holy week, entering into our church's gathering space has provided a

needed respite from commercialized images. Our church family was able to gather & reflect amidst a space that drew our attention to Christ's work on the cross. The phrase we gathered around this year was taken from John 12:24--Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.



Pastor Pete Forshtay—peteforshtay@gmail.com

Please continue to pray for Pete and Danielle Forshtay as they serve at Word of Grace Church in the Wisconsin neighborhood of Philadelphia.

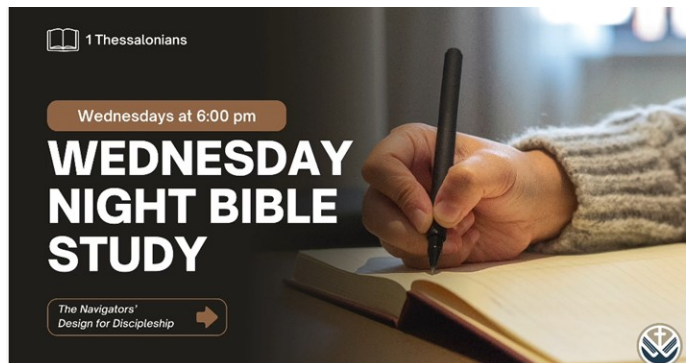


Last month the congregation hosted a a Palm Sunday Service, Threefold Communion, Good Friday worship and a Resurrection celebration. Please pray for continued contact with guests.

Pray, too, for those committed to discipleship. A group meets each week to work through the

Design for Discipleship Series. They've reached the final book in the series. Students are learning to use a concordance, Bible dictionary and digital tools to interpret the word. Please pray for continued growth toward maturity.

Please pray for the Forshtays and their ministry partners as they encourage the congregation to love God, love others and make disciples.



Thank you for helping us develop urban churches!