

September 2025

Dear,

Greetings Friends and Family! I hope all of you are having a smooth transition into Fall (yes, *it is now officially Fall even if the weather is not cooperating!*). Sometimes the month of September can feel like being hit with a tornado, ***and this year has been no exception!*** But God is sovereign over all, even my crazy schedule.

This past month we hosted a Nerf/Movie night to kick off the school year. My team sadly went against my counsel to act as a unit in our attacks, but instead were determined to independently get shot down repeatedly by the other team (*we may have lost the battle, but we also lost the war*). Regardless, everyone had a great time and each drank their own weight in ice cream sodas.



This past week we introduced our series, **"Invited"**. In our small groups we discussed how it feels to be invited into the fold, whether by friends or family and contrasted that with how it felt to be left out (something that everyone has experienced). We ended by telling the story of Jesus inviting his disciples to eat the breakfast he had prepared for them (shortly after he was raised from the dead). ***Despite how the disciples abandoned Jesus leading up to his death, Jesus still invited them to sit with him and share a meal.*** We emphasized that Jesus invites us to get to know him no matter our background or past experiences. **He wants to know us and be known in return.**

Thank you so much for your prayers leading up to the start of the school year! *Please continue to keep us in your prayers as more new kids start to attend, bringing their own unique burdens with them.* **Pray that we would be granted wisdom in our conversations as we continue to develop Christ-Sharing relationships with our kids.** *Thank you, as always, for your financial support and prayerful partnership.*

May God bless you in the upcoming month.



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