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Dear Friends,

We are thankful to God for His kindness as CCCL continues to grow. Since September, church life has been full and encouraging, with much to give thanks for. I'll include a little on family life below too!

Sunday Worship

Sundays naturally continue to be the heart of church life. This term we've been preaching through Mark's gospel, and we're now beginning an Adult Sunday school series on Revival. We've seen regular Sunday morning attendance grow to around 200, with well over 90% under 30 years old. We're so thankful for this growth, but it also means **we urgently need a larger and more permanent church building**. Please keep praying for the Lord's provision in this. We know now that we will have to leave our current venue this coming summer. At the moment we are at a loss to find an alternate space given our financial resources, and the clock is beginning to tick louder and louder.

Evening services are a rich time of fellowship, as we've preached through the Heidelberg Catechism. One of the great encouragements has been hearing children praying aloud during our open prayer time – God-willing young hearts learning lifelong habits of corporate prayer.



Student Growth

It's been a joy to welcome many new students to CCCL this autumn. Each Sunday has seen new faces joining us, and our Student Focus Bible study has been packed every week. Please pray that these students would grow in their knowledge and love of Christ, form lasting friendships, and be bold in living and

speaking for Him.



Discipleship and Baptisms

We've begun a new Women's Bible Study, working through 1 Peter, which has been really well attended.

At the same time, ten young Christians are currently doing our discipleship course. Pray they would grow in maturity and confidence in the gospel. We're also rejoicing that more adult baptisms are planned for this November—praise God for the way He is drawing people to Himself! We've also had a couple of covenant child baptisms, including the youngest daughter of our trainee minister.



Looking Ahead: Carol Service

On Saturday 6th December we will host our annual Christmas Carol Service. We've finally found somewhere we can meet for this Saturday evening event, itself an answer to prayer as most churches in our area have shut their doors to us after the LGBTQ activist group took to social media to red flag us. We're holding the service early in December so as to catch the students before they head home, hence sneaking Christmas into a November prayer letter!

Marriages, Mission Conferences and Missing Home!

On a personal note, it's been a very busy time. In particular I've been on duty one way or another all but one Saturday since August, meaning we've had very little time together as a



family. Most of this is unavoidable: we've celebrated four weddings of church couples, had Presbytery and commissioning services for new church plants, and I'm just heading home now from doing some preaching and teaching in Dallas with RTS and Park Cities Presbyterian Church. Each individual event has been well worthwhile, but inevitably it leaves Georgina with even more on her plate than usual, homeschooling the children and not getting as



much help on weekends as normal. I'm grateful for all her hard work, and would appreciate prayer for the family who share in the burdens of ministry as well as its joys!

Thank you for your faithful prayers and your partnership in the gospel.

As ever,

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