

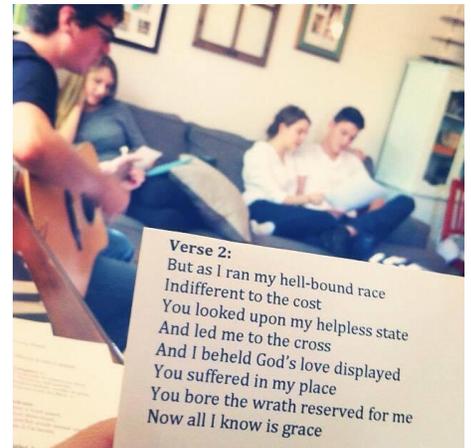


Hey Prayer Team!

It has been a BUSY few couple of weeks for us (as we know that it has been for you all as well, but we wanted to take a few moments to share with you some of the amazing things going on with our church plant and to ask you to pray along with us for even greater things within the next couple of weeks.

Our Worship Gathering

To begin with, we had our second worship gathering the second week of October and it was such a sweet time of singing together, going through Genesis 2, and seeing some new faces. In fact, Tony Spagnolo (many of you have had mission teams stay in his bed and breakfast) came to our worship gathering two weeks ago and loved it so much that he wanted to come and hear me preach again the next week (thankfully, I preached at Initiative 22 this past Sunday morning – and he brought someone who was staying at his bed and breakfast to church that morning!). He also marked on his calendar when our next worship gathering would be. As many of you know, we aren't sure where Tony is on his relationship with Jesus and so we ask that you would join with us in praying for him. We are also praying that Tony would be open to discipleship avenues with us moving forward.



Hanging out in the Community

This past week, Aaron had the opportunity to start a French conversation class at CEDA (our local community center) that meets every Friday for two hours. The class is, we pray, a great way to get to know more people in the community who are learning French, as well as a great place to practice French intentionally with a professor on a weekly basis. Not only this, but while at CEDA on Friday, Aaron had the chance to talk with one of the volunteer coordinators and we are both headed to CEDA tomorrow to help prepare the building for our community Halloween Party. This will be an amazing opportunity for us to volunteer with others from our community that want to be a blessing and give our neighborhood kids a safe place to “trick-or-treat” as well as participate in something that our local community is doing. And oh how we have seen partnering with our local community to be a HUGE door into Gospel conversations this past summer and we are praying the same happens over the next two weeks. Also, Aaron started back at Club

Energie this past Saturday afternoon (and had the chance to take some much needed coffee to bless the parents and workers). It was a great way to immediately get recognized as the “coffee guy” and, sporting our new church t-shirts that First Baptist Church Fort Smith made for us, we get a lot of people asking why we love Little Burgundy and also a cool plug for our church. Club Energie went really well this past week and we loved that Jojo and Jessye were there volunteering with us as well. If you’d like to print some of these shirts for yourself, just email us and ask us (we can send you the “mock-up” and you can connect with local printers in your area).



Missional Community Life

Our Gospel Community is starting a 9-week study called Missional Community Life on Wednesday night and we would love for you to be praying for us. For those of you who remember us doing this study in Winnipeg, this is a pretty foundational book that explains what our church’s aims and hopes are at being an intentional and Gospel centered community, which will really help set the pace for our DNA as a church plant. At the end of this 9-week study, we will ask those wanting to remain and be a part of our “launch team” to sign a 6 month commitment to partnering with us. At this point, it seems that most of those that are going through the 9 weeks will be sticking around with us (and praise God for this). It would be our hope that anyone who signs this 6 month covenant with us will sincerely feel that



God is specifically calling them to partner with us during this time. And so please be in prayer with us that these would be some of the men and women that our gracious God has been calling to partner with us (in response to our Luke 10:2 prayers together).

Mission Teams

We also just had a missions team from First Baptist Fort Smith come to hang out with us this past week and we had a great time hanging out with them. Three quick stories that are amazing: (1) They were the primary ones who asked Tony to come to our worship gathering two weeks ago (since they were staying at his bed and breakfast) and Tony agreed to come with them! This would not have been possible were it not for many of you who graciously built a relationship with Tony, and we love having you guys stay with him for the express purpose of blessing him and also sharing the Gospel with him. So, THANK YOU for being amazing partners. (2) The team was in Old Montreal sightseeing in prayerful expectation that, even downtown, God could use their time wisely ... and BOOM they met a guy named Jaime who moved here from Colombia a few months ago. After getting his contact information, I met with him this past Saturday and had a great conversation with him. He put our November worship gathering into his phone calendar and seems really interested in learning more about Christianity. (3) Samantha found out about a pregnant and new moms group a few weeks ago and they had a “meet up” in our neighborhood last

week ... and one of the members from FBC Fort Smith was a new mom (with her 11 month old baby with her) – how awesome was God’s timing in that one?! So, Sam and Megan got to go to this moms group and meet expectant or new moms for a few hours. We are praying that God would open up doors soon so that Samantha can connect with two of the moms for some follow up conversations.

Please Pray

Please be in prayer with us as we are constantly striving to see who God could be bringing into our paths and that we would faithfully look for ways to creatively share our lives and the Gospel message with them. Please pray for continued relationships (for example, Samantha also had some great friendship building time with A this past week as she taught her how to bake a vegan pumpkin pie) and for new ones (like just this past week, we keep running into this guy named W).

Also please pray for Baby Boz as we are still trying to get in to see a specialist about his kidney issue. Please pray that our gracious God would “knit” that out of him and allow his kidney to function well. Also, pray for Samantha and I as we are going through new “unknown territory” in parenthood, complete with aches, pains and unknowns ... not to mention what Samantha is going through ;)

Time fails to tell you about all of the amazing conversations that we had about Montreal in Louisville, Kentucky with Southern Seminary faculty and students, the joy of participating in a worship gathering at one of our partner churches this past month, the excitement over seeing some of the guys I (Aaron) and discipling as they are expressing awe that they are seeing fruit in their lives for one of the first times since their conversion, and so many other stories of ways that our gracious God has been confirming and encouraging our call to church planting in Montreal over the last month.

We love you all so much and it is with such joy that we write, thanking you for your gracious work in partnering along with us to see the Gospel impact this area of the unreached world. We love you all so much.

- Aaron and Samantha

