

MARCH 2024

THE BACONS IN BRUSSELS

OUR DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

We hope this finds you well in the first months of 2024. The start of this year has been a difficult one for our family, with the death of Julian's younger brother at the end of December. With such a tragic loss, it has been a slow process of trying to reestablish an everyday routine in recent days while walking through grief. We are incredibly grateful to our community here, who have sat with us, brought us weeks of meals, listened, and prayed. We extend deep thanks to all of you reading this who are far away geographically but have loved and supported us through prayer and checkins during these last two months. Here's a [link](#) to Julian's sermon on Psalm 13 following this loss.

In Hope news, the trajectory of an increasingly full Sunday service that we told you about in our last newsletter has continued. It is a joy and a privilege to continue seeing and hosting new faces regularly. With the growing number of people involved, we began to see more

than before the need to provide structured avenues for individuals to serve in areas in which they are gifted. On Sunday mornings, this looks like help in refreshments, welcome, and nursery. Outside of Sundays, those with gifts in administration have stepped up to help put these structures in place, we are meeting more often for student ministry, and beginning regular women's fellowship events. Whenever we meet with individuals and families to have membership conversations, two of the questions we ask are 1) How can the



church serve you? and 2) What areas of service excite you? It is a privilege to see the working out of these questions as more people commit practically to the flourishing of this community.

In tandem with the church growing, our community groups are growing as well. Our home group is making its way through the CBS study of Galatians, and Rachel's Thursday evening CBS group is about to begin a study in Genesis. This online study group has multiple young believers who are so hungry for Scripture and love to bring their questions, which is very exciting! Please pray for these groups to continue to grow in the depth of their love for God and his Word.



HOPE WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS GATHERING

LOOKING AHEAD: PLEASE PRAY WITH US

- For the church's process of searching for a new place of worship
- For wisdom to care well for a growing congregation and community groups
- For new CBS studies and the young believers involved



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