



We began February with our membership process called Circle Steps. These happen after church on Sunday with lunch provided. The first Sunday is focused on being a place for newcomers to hear about North Circle Church by sharing our story and introducing our team. The second Sunday is focused on what it means to be a member of our church. This is always an exciting time because it often leads to deeper faith conversations. As a result of some of those conversations, two of Carter Bocklage's friends accepted Jesus, and we celebrated both of them at the end of the month with Baptism Sunday!

Prodigal Love was our series for February. It was amazing to walk through the story of the Prodigal son but make it about both sons: the older brother and the younger brother. Mark Conover and Megan shared their faith stories and how they relate to a specific brother. Megan being the oldest of her family, always wanted to do the right thing and felt like she needed to earn the Father's love. She eventually realized she had access to that love all along. Mark had a season in his life where he experienced all the world has to offer trying to satisfy this longing in his heart until one night he met Jesus and began chasing a life that honored Him. Their stories were powerfully relatable and our people began to identify which brother they were in their own lives.

Jon and Chris were able to take a trip to our sending church, Flatwoods in Mountain View over President's Day weekend. This was one of our four Sabbath Sundays that we honor throughout the year, so it was a perfect opportunity for them to catch up with the church and share an update in person. Chris also preached for them that Sunday. It was wonderful to spend a little bit of time with everyone and thank them for their ongoing love and support.

North Circle Church Team in Westfield, IN





FROM THE LOWES

February was a month of slipping into new rhythms with the work/life/ministry balance we seem to always be trying to keep up with. We are grateful Meg's job intersects so much with Jon's and the church's with community events. We have seen each other at Chamber events, Farmers Markets, and 5K races. We look forward to working together throughout the year as we keep loving the city we are a part of. We celebrated friends' birthdays, watched Gavin and the boys finish Student Impact Basketball, and celebrated Valentine's Day with the kids and each other. We are grateful for all the ways that God continues to keep us encouraged. The church is consistently growing so exploring new ways to keep up with the growth has preoccupied Jon's time. It's been a great "problem" to have!



FROM THE BOCKLAGES

February was a great month for the Bocklages! Our oldest, Caleb turned 21! He is an aspiring videographer and has recently landed several jobs with studios doing what he loves. We are so proud of him! Jaden (our second oldest) just finished his Physician Tech Certification while pursuing his degree in Nursing. Our only daughter Trinity is a High School Senior pursuing architecture. Our youngest Carter finished another season of winter basketball with his friends, and is loving life in 7th grade! Also, Chris started his garden in February! He is growing seedlings from scratch to take the next nerdy step in his gardener's journey haha! Mel ran a 5K with a good friend in Feb and had a blast! Chris & Mel also had a chance to get away for an overnight around Valentines - a much needed break!



FROM THE HACKMANS

February kept Dom and Allison BUSY! Most notably, TWO of our North Circle Students accepted Jesus and were baptized! Dom and Jaden were privileged to meet them through Student Impact basketball this season as coaches and are thankful that they have been hanging with our North Circle Student crew ever since! In addition, Dom was able to serve as the speaker for a youth conference in Ozark, AR to reunite with the Thrive Ministry crew - the Hackman's college ministry from Arkansas. Dom was able to baptize two of his former college students while he was away! We finished off the month by heading down to Orlando to join the Hackman side of the family on a vacation at Disney! We ate entirely too much, but had a great time visiting with family!

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