

Obligatory COVID19 Paragraph

Yep, we're video conferencing like everybody else, broadcasting Sunday morning worship services (with Paula on piano and the kids on their instruments!) and Bible studies and prayer meetings out of our home to a mosaic of happy faces on-screen. Deacon-training and some counseling appointments have been face-to-face still, but that may change soon. Nate has started broadcasting daily 5-minute devotional readings as an extra encouragement for home-bound parishioners. (You can listen-in on our church website. Nate's completed sermon series on Hebrews is there too.)

An important ministry focus over the last few months has been equipping our large demographic of Millennials (pictured below with us) with Biblical perspective on dating and marriage. We just wrapped that seminar series up and are turning our attention to building relationships and sharing church orientation material with 10 new folks who have become regular attenders. We are also counseling more people than ever in this season; *please pray for wisdom for us and for gospel-driven transformation in the lives of those we seek to help!*



Our last church meeting in-person
(Note newly-plastered walls and new banners!)



Relationship Seminar with Millennial-age church members

The Move That Was Not

In our December e-mail update, we asked y'all to pray for our house to sell by mid-January. It did not. By mid-March we still had not gotten a single offer on our house (even though we dropped our selling price way below what we thought it should be worth), so we decided to take our house off the market and give up on the idea of buying the school.

This was a huge disruption in our lives, and we are still struggling with things we don't understand-about what happened, but we have picked up some lessons along the way, including the need to shift

from our consumer mentality (acquired over decades of living as missionaries in rented homes) to an investment mentality more appropriate for home-ownership. Nevertheless, your prayers that God would show our realtor that He can do anything were answered unexpectedly by blessing him and his wife with the conception of a child about the time y'all started praying!

We would still appreciate prayer for God's provision to get us out from under our mortgage and to provide a place with enough space for family, church, and community gatherings – once the virus blows over.



New Year Staycation: Nate & Paula, 12 kids, 6 spouses/fiancé, 7 grands + 2 on the way... then Adelaide born to Grace Anne

Kid's Corner: Irene Wilson

Since my last Kids Corner, so much has changed! God answered all my prayer requests from three years ago: I finished out my senior year of high school, my foot and my shoulder both healed, and I got to participate in all my activities!

I then took a gap year to shadow a few professions, apply for scholarships, continue doing odd jobs for a few families, and go on a short-term mission to Ecuador. During this time, God brought Jacen Clapp into our lives.

In the fall of 2019, I studied music performance with the upright bass at K-State University, which I really enjoyed, and I am super-thankful for how much I was able to grow and learn in that short semester. I also joined a local band ("We are The Guests") and got to go to Virginia to record a new album with them, which will premiere this summer! (We already have 2 songs you can check out online!)



Irene, our 6th-born with fiancé Jacen Clapp

In November, Jacen proposed, so I decided to take this current semester off to focus on putting on a wedding! (**If you have not gotten an invitation and would like one, please let me know!**) It has been nice to slow down a bit and focus on ministry with my family and friends.

My biggest prayer request right now is for wisdom regarding what to do with our wedding due to this coronavirus outbreak. We would love prayer for joy and patience as we wait on the Lord's timing and wisdom as we decide if we

should change to a small family wedding and then a bigger celebration once the coronavirus has calmed down. After the wedding, I get to move in to Jacen's duplex across town (and learn to be a homemaker for a household of only two!) while Jacen continues his sales career at Civic Plus. Thank you all for your prayers! God has been so good. It has been nice to look back and count His blessings, and I am looking forward to seeing what He does as I enter this new season of life!



Grace Anne & Irene (BFF Sisters) Irene on bass at "We Are The Guests" concert (Grace Anne on right) Jacen & Irene (TLF)



- Praise God for good health this season and for the safe births of granddaughters Adelaide (to **Grace Anne & Brian**) and Hosanna (to **Beni & Rachel**)!
- Praise God for providing such a godly man in **Jacen** for our daughter **Irene**, and pray for them as they plan a wedding during uncertain times, that they can find fruitful ways of glorifying God and build good foundations in their first year of marriage. Pray also for son **Peter (& Hope)** as they move to Beloit, KS, so he can study welding there.
- Praise God for the renovations so far in our rented church meeting hall, and **pray for spiritual anointing for our church officers** in shepherding, teaching, and ministering mercy to all the folks God has entrusted to our spiritual care.
- Pray for God to prepare the **20-somethings** in our church with maturity and with good mates for marriage. And pray that we can develop good relationships with church **new-comers** in the next season. Please pray also for God to provide for our **family** to get out of our mortgage debt and have a place big enough to host family and ministry gatherings.

