



**“I will recount all of Your wonders”**

*From Nate:* My first impulse was to complain about how busy this summer has been. But then my sermon from Psalm 9:1 came to mind, and I realized that all that has happened are wondrous works from the hand of God. Let me recount some of these wonders to you, and let us praise God together!

Wonderful things have been happening in CTR church. For one thing, a young man in the church re-designed our church website; it looks great! We’ve also seen some new attenders; When I asked a new soldier why he chose CTR church, he said that he had found us on the new church website and liked the theology, then he saw the picture of me and said, “I want to go to a church with a pastor who can grow a beard like that!” He has practically become part of our family, and last month he asked me to officiate his wedding. Now he has a beautiful wife next to him in church!

Another soldier started attending our church this summer, and it has been a wonder to see him and his wife teaching Bible studies and practicing hospitality! God has done more wonderful deeds with people that we have helped counsel: Praise God for growth in marriages and for the ways God has provided for those in financial need.

One of the biggest wonders this summer was our son Beni’s victory in the primary election for Riley County Commissioner! Campaigning was a huge investment of time, but God blessed. Beni runs unopposed in the general election, and the swearing-in is in January. (Another wonderful blessing was Beni’s appointment to Concertmaster of the K-State Orchestra!)

In other news, God has provided a

wonderful housing situation for our eldest son Josh as he starts law school this week at the University of Chicago.

God did some real maturing in our 4<sup>th</sup>-born, Peter, during his summer internship with Abundant Tree Care in KY. He’s now more on-schedule, more safety-conscious, and no longer a picky eater! His boss, of course, loved him!

Amos’ summer internship at Shepherd’s Valley Farm also went very well. It was wonderful to enjoy the fresh produce that he brought home almost every week! Farming made him zealous for waking early and working hard! Amos has applied for a summer 2015 internship at Joel Salatin’s farm in VA, and while he awaits word on that, he is keeping busy teaching Jr. High classes for two local home school co-ops, turning local apples into cider, editing his latest book, etc.

Meanwhile... back at the ranch, some long-term construction projects have developed into wonderful resources: We finished converting our backyard shed into a quiet place to study, and we finished the plumbing for a third bathroom in the house (just in time for our third daughter to become a teenager!). Part of the wonder of this is that I have



**Beni sports his campaign T-shirt**



**Nate officiates our church’s 1<sup>st</sup> wedding**



**Amos, Peter & Irene install studio door**



**A wonderful family vacation in CO!**

no experience with plumbing bathrooms, but it works anyway!

There are so many more wonderful things; here’s just one more we found on Facebook: “...trendy parenting philosophies do not quite agree with His Word...our sweet children are born in sin, are naturally in rebellion against God, and desperately need a Savior and His grace and forgiveness, just like I do. Thank you Pastor Nate & Paula Wilson for doing your parenting class this fall!”

## Kid's Corner: Irene Anastasia Wilson

In my Kid's Corner two years ago I asked for prayer for my quiet times. I'm glad to say I finished my first read through the Bible in March! God is helping me put it into practice by obeying Mama and Papa with a cheerful and patient heart. **Thank you so much for all your prayers!**

High school is starting to take over my life now, but I've still found time to pick up new musical instruments: Last summer I started playing the accordion, and now I'm learning the double bass (aka upright). The youth orchestra I'm playing this in got to perform with the K-State Orchestra last week! But I'm still playing electric bass in our family band.

This spring was my first time to participate in Speech and Debate competitions. My brother Amos and I made it to the Regional level with an acting piece called 'The Death Disk,' by Mark Twain. I also enjoyed competing in policy debates as a team with my brother Peter. I'm definitely looking forward to competing again next year.

In the middle of the summer, Grace Anne and I helped organize and teach a Dance Camp. We had lots of fun with that and learned some good things about teaching and working with kids.

Then Grace Anne, Mama, and I put on a wedding with four days advance notice! (Don't worry, it wasn't for one of my brothers.) We met the bride for the first time only four hours before the wedding! It was a hectic four days, but we had lots of fun planning and decorating an old schoolhouse for it. Mama says she wants at least a month notice from any of us!

I've also started helping my dad in the church office! I love helping him print the Sunday bulletins, and right now I'm in the process of uploading all his older sermons to the new church website. This fall I'm looking forward to learning how to drive, doing more outdoor activities, and getting back into a school routine. I also have taken up cooking for the family once a week and am enjoying that.

Thanks again for praying! Please pray for me to be content with what God has for me now and to be able to concentrate on school and accomplish all that needs to be done.



- Please pray for our family's special concerns, including: Irene (safety as she learns to drive), Amos (favor with his application to Polyface Farm in VA), Josh (starting law school in Chicago).
- Two soldiers in our church have unexpectedly been given deployment orders for foreign countries this fall. Please pray for Andy and Casey and their families!
- Praise the Lord for a well-attended Men's Prayer Breakfast this summer. Please pray for us now as we coordinate our church retreat October 4, a Reformation festival October 31, and a Thanksgiving dinner outreach!
- Thanks for your prayers for the teaching ministry. After preaching through the first 17 Psalms, Nate decided to move on to a series based on the Sonship material. Please pray for good fruit in the lives of our congregation as we seek to internalize His unconditional love. I would also appreciate your prayers as I seek to shift my pastoral appointments with members from building rapport to more proactive spiritual shepherding.

