

Equipping Christian Leaders to Fulfill the Great Commission

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Josh & Beni Hitched!!

Two down...ten to go! At one wedding a month, we could have them all married off in a year! (Just kidding!)

Josh & Jandi Wilson

Josh and Beni's weddings were a smashing success. God provided so many things to make two very special gatherings, one in Zanesville, OH, and one in Owensboro, KY. Papa Nate got to officiate both weddings, and Grandpa Ken got to give the benedictions at both. What a joy it was to see the faith and love of the Heagen and Thomas families that our sons married into, and especially to see that all the grandparents on both sides love Jesus!

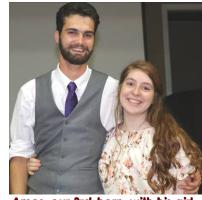


After stranding us on the side of the Interstate for half a day before Josh's wedding and well into the night after Josh's wedding, we were nervous about how our passenger van would do for Beni's wedding, but God was good to us, and, with the help of some friends and a car mechanic, our van has given us no more trouble. Josh and Beni enjoyed honeymoons in Ireland and Costa Rica! We are now adjusting to life with married children and delighting in our first Thanksgiving family reunion!

Kid's Corner: Amos Christian

Magali Laporte and I met six years ago through the NCFCA speech and debate league. We got to know each other pretty well over the years, and in May of this year, we officially started courting. It's been a wonderful journey – and probably the most significant update for me. Please pray that we would continue to love God first in our relationship and wisely move forward towards deeper levels of commitment.

Recently, I've been writing poems based on Papa's sermons each week and posting them on a blog. If you have time, check them out at SermonNotesPoem.Wordpress.com! I also post updates there on my various book projects. Pray that God would open up more ways for me to publicize my work, and pray that I would be able to find a publisher for my novels.



Amos, our 3rd-born, with his girlfriend Magali at Beni's wedding.

This past year I've expanded our neighborhood lawn-care business into a full-time job. It's been a lot of fun developing my own business, meeting new clients, and learning all the ins-and-outs of managing a small business. As the winter moves in and work slows down, I'll be looking into a more regular job here in Manhattan, while I try to work some more on my books – and tune pianos on the side. I am also looking into organic farming and have been running Mama's garden for her this year. Praise God that he has provided some land that I can raise chickens on this spring! Pray that He will provide land that I can use for long-term farming.



Maggie (center) making friends with Uruguayan maté. bachelor party. Jandi's nephews at Josh's wedding.

Peter & Alé (center-left) at a dance with Ben Wilson cousins (left) and Thomas in-laws (right).



Beni & Rachel's New Home!!

Hope and Alethia's guitar recital (Taught by Nate)

Paula (with her tea) being 'sound Mom' for the family band's upcoming album

Oneness Pentecostal vs. Trinitarian Debate

On the 4th of November, our church sponsored an evangelical apologist to debate a local Oneness Pentecostal pastor on the topic of the Trinity. The Apostolic Academy hosted the debate, and about 350 people who don't believe in the Trinity came! This was a groundbreaking event as they heard for the first time a Biblically-balanced view of God and were welcomed into relationships with Christians from

our church. This is such a large and unexpected opportunity that we ask for your prayers for us to understand what to do next.



Nate (not pictured) opened the debate with prayer.

Nathan Dudley (seated left) argued the Unitarian side,
while Edward Dalcour (seated right) argued the Trinitarian

MANHE Prayer Corner

- Praise God for relatively good health this fall and pray for God's mercy to sustain us.
- Nate and Paula would appreciate prayer for wisdom, patience, and grace as they counsel church members through various difficult situations.
- Praise God for how well the two weddings went! Pray for God's blessings on Josh & Jandi and on Beni & Rachel as they begin their marriages, and for Amos & Magali as they are courting! Pray also for good employment for Josh when he graduates from law school next year.
- Please continue to pray for us to be daily renewed and refreshed in Christ. Praise Him for putting a promising deacon candidate on the horizon, and keep praying for more good elders for our church.

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