

And He will yet deliver us, you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through *the prayers of many*. (2 Cor. 1:11, NASB)

We learned years ago to avoid saying much in our newsletters about the difficulties we face in life and ministry. After all, nobody wants to read “downer” newsletters. But at the same

time, we fear that this decision has led some folks to put us on a pedestal and imagine that we don’t have marriage problems or problems with raising our own children or problems with discipline in our church. The reality is that we’ve had all of the above this year, and we often feel like we are barely surviving. So when we ask for your prayers, it is in earnest, and when we say that you are “helping us through your prayers,” don’t take that lightly. Keep praying!



September back-to-(home)school party for our kids (GraceAnne, Maggie, Hope, Aletheia, Betsy, Jed, Lillian)



We celebrated Paula’s --th birthday at the KS City Irish Festival (Our family is pictured here w/ the High Kings after their concert)

Reformation 500

One of the things we received the most thanks for this year was our conference commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. God used Paula and Nate to bring together hundreds of people from several local churches for the weekend. We would like to pass thanks on to you (the “many” through whose prayers such “favor was bestowed on us” - 2 Cor. 1:11). Here are a couple of the notes we received afterwards:

Thank you again for all the work put into the weekend, and for allowing us to come together with you in worship.
~Jonathan Haney, Pastor of Manhattan Reformed Presbyterian Church

I would like to echo... thanks – especially to Nate and Paula for all the organizing work. ~Matt Basel, Elder of Gloria Deo Baptist Church



Beni (center) directs worship with help from Irene, Nate, and Grace Anne during a Reformation 500 session at Grace Baptist Church.



Bill Potter, our featured speaker under a screen featuring Peter’s photography



- **Praise God** for the encouraging results of city-wide ministry projects that we helped lead, including the Manhattan Reformation 500 Conference and the Manhattan Prayer Movement which brought many local evangelical churches together, and for the Bethlehem Revisited walk-through nativity which exposed thousands to the gospel.
- Please pray for God’s blessing on **Grace Anne & Brian Zachary** as they begin married life together, and pray for wisdom and perseverance for **Nate & Paula** in parenting the 8 children left at home!
- Please pray for God’s blessing on our daughter **Lillian** (profiled in the Kid’s Corner).
- Pray for success for **Nate and allies in Christian schools** throughout Kansas as they work to prevent a law from being passed which would bring private schools under state control.
- Praise the Lord that the **soldier deployed in Poland** from our church found a Christian friend. Pray for more!
- Pray for God’s blessing on **Christ the Redeemer Church**, that God would provide for her needs and make her fruitful in His kingdom!

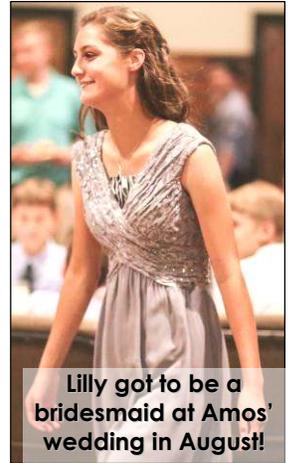
Kid's Corner: Lillian Faith

2014, when I did my last Kid's Corner, seems like a long time ago! Since then, three of my big brothers have moved out, but I absolutely love my new nephew – I hold him whenever I have a chance; he's so adorable! Our family has hosted a lot of Scottish Country dances these last few years, and now when we have a dance, I feel like dancing all night, and I don't want to stop! I also got a chance to take Jiu Jitsu "Women's Empowerment" classes and almost got my pink belt



Lillian, our 7th-born

– the moves are fun, and the more you do it the easier it gets. This summer I learned to ride a bicycle. At first it was really hard because it felt like the bike had a mind of its own and I couldn't control it, but now I feel confident and enjoy it! I've graduated from *A-to-Z Mysteries* to reading things like *Hardy Boys*, Frank Peretti's *Cooper Kids*, and Haddix *Shadow Children* and *Missing Series*. (I still like mysteries!) I'm also getting close to finishing my first read through the Old Testament. At home I like loving on my pet rabbits and cats, caring for my little sisters and brother (and nephew – did I mention he's the most adorable nephew?), making cookies, and coloring and doing puzzles. Pray that I will keep growing in the Lord, that I will get good enough on violin to play with the family band, that I can learn to drive safely, and that I'll be able to do a good job on my speech for next year's NCFCA tournaments.



Lilly got to be a bridesmaid at Amos' wedding in August!

Our Gifts to You This Christmas!

- 📖 The *Kansan Celts II* Album (released earlier this year on CD) can be heard now online at your favorite mp3 site, such as iTunes and Spotify (along with Beni's soundtrack for the Christian short film *The Pit*)!
- 📖 Nate's latest sermons, including a 6-part series on the Epistle of Jude and a 3-part series on the Epistles of 2nd & 3rd John, are now available for free in print and on audio at our church website: <http://www.ctrchurch-mhk.org/sermon>.
- 📖 Over four hours of Bill Potter history lectures from our Reformation 500 conference are also available as audio on the sermon page of the CTR Church website: <http://www.ctrchurch-mhk.org/sermon>.
- 📖 Amos' new book, *Ella*, a Christian-worldview fantasy novel comparable to *The Lord of the Rings* is now available for a limited time as a free PDF download during the month of December at: <https://sermonnotespoem.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/ella3.pdf>. (Yes, please tell other people about it!) ELLA
- 📖 This fall, Nate thoroughly revised the commentary on 1 John that he had written 20 years ago. The revision is viewable for free at <http://www.natewilsonfamily.net/1stjohn1.htm>.
- 📖 Amos, Beni, & Nate have developed several new, traditional-style hymns for use in church worship services, including:
 - 🎵 "Minuit Chrétiens" (A new, English version of "O Holy Night" that is more faithful to the original, more-evangelical words than the popular version is),
 - 🎵 "Hymn for Thanksgiving,"
 - 🎵 "Glory to the Righteous One" (based on Isa. 24:14),
 - 🎵 "Psalm 23" (as heard on *Kansan Celts II*),
 - 🎵 and "Carol of Christ" (for Resurrection Day).

Please contact us by email if you'd like free sheet music for any of these. (We hope to record an album someday!)
- 📖 Nate revised "Sunrise, Sunset" from *Fiddler on the Roof* for Grace Anne's wedding on Dec. 16. The recording he made with Paula & Beni is free for downloading at: http://www.natewilsonfamily.net/natesmusic/sunrise_sunset.mp3.



Our first grandchild, Thomas Valor, was born to Beni in September!



In October, Peter announced a courtship with Hope Peterson!



Irene (right) at Bethlehem Revisited, where our family helped evangelize 3000 guests!

