



Nate conducts singing during the worship service, accompanied by orchestra. (Hear Nate's [15-part sermon series on Hebrews 11](#) online!)



Son Amos (left) leads discussion after worship. Son-in-law Brian (top right with Paula & Grace Anne) was just ordained as deacon and is helping train Amos, Clay (bottom right) & Jacen for the diaconate!

Marriage Ministry In The Church

One of the things we've discovered in the process of planting and pastoring a church is that merely teaching Biblical doctrine to parishioners is not enough. Modeling and coaching parishioners in Biblically-healthy relationships is just as important. In the last decade, we have had to counsel parishioners through interpersonal conflict, abuse, adultery, separation, divorce, grief, and other things. The generation coming up has seen too much of these problems already, and many of the millennials in our congregation have asked us to teach them God's word on building healthy relationships in preparation for marriage. Some of the questions that have come up so far include:

- How do you find a like-minded guy/girl to marry?

- How do you know when to break off a relationship?
- Does the Bible have guidance on dating before engagement?
- How much intimacy is appropriate before marriage?
- When/how does one go about dating/courting?
- What questions do I need to ask a prospective mate?
- Is every woman called to marriage? What should she do with her life before a guy shows interest in her?
- What should a wife's submission to her husband look like?
- How can I be content while single?

The first few seminars have been interesting, to say the least, and we would appreciate your prayers for us (Nate & Paula) as we develop ongoing material to share.



Our family welcoming Irene back from her summer mission trip to Ecuador.



Men in the church (Nate 2nd from right) hanging drywall to improve our rented church meeting place.

Our Growing Tribe!



Our sons & grandsons: (left to right) Amos & Eamon, Josh & Aidan, Jed, Beni & Thomas, Peter & Evan



Alyse is living with us & attending KSU w/ Irene!



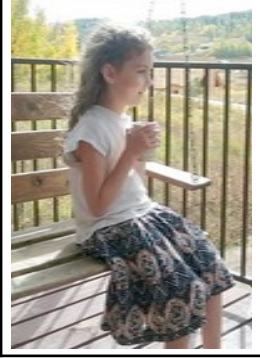
Paula with Amos' new daughter, Iona Trinity!



Jacen Clapp just proposed; Irene said, "Yes!"

Kid's Corner: Margaret Prudence

Maggie is our 12th child!



I like to make the joke that we live in a plane. Basically, we can't fly around in it because it's too flat; it's Kansas. Since my last Kids Corner 3½ years ago, I've rode a horse, lost my first tooth, had five siblings married, one more engaged, and four nephews and two nieces!

I've started reading chapter books, and my favorite is *Boxcar Children* – it's a lot of fun. Papa says I'm an amazing drawer. I always draw a picture of what he reads about in our discipleship times, and I drew the pictures for a book I made with Clay called *Babies Are Cute*.

Dalton's sister Gracia came and stayed at our house last weekend, and she and I made friends, and I've also become good friends with Grace (Peter's sister-in-law pictured right). Another one of our friends (Alyse) is living with us while she goes to college, and she plays *Adventures in Odyssey* for us on her phone. You can pray that I will continue to grow up to be a godly woman.

Maggie with her friend Grace



Prayer Corner

- Praise God for the safe arrivals of Evan Alan Wilson to **Peter & Hope**, and of Iona Trinity Wilson to **Amos & Magali**! Keep **Rachel** (Beni's wife) and **Grace Anne** in your prayers, as they are growing grand-babies #8 & #9! Pray also for good health: Nate is finding a good bit of relief from joint pain after some antibiotic regimens and a gluten-free, dairy-free diet, but the kids have had a lot of sicknesses over the last couple of months.
- Pray for our daughter **Irene** as she finishes her first semester of college and prepares for marriage, and for our sons **Beni** and **Josh**, as they settle into new communities and careers with International Students Inc. at Purdue University, and with Baker Hostetler, a law firm in Cleveland, OH, respectively.
- Pray for God's blessing on Brian and on Amos, Clay, and Jacen, as they consider how to serve the needy in our church as **deacons**. Pray also for God's blessings in the renovation of our rented worship space.
- Praise God for opportunities we've had to teach about dating and marriage relationships, but pray for wisdom and peace as **Nate & Paula** struggle to speak into some difficult situations.

Nate & Kids hiked Hahn's Peak during family vacation.

