

Sabbatical!

In our last newsletter we asked you to pray for us to “find the times of rest that we need” during the stress of pastoring in a pandemic. Well, here’s an answer to prayer! Our elders granted us a 6-week sabbatical during the months of October and November! I (Nate)

am looking forward to having extra time during the coming weeks to read, write, plan, teach our children more, record music, talk with mentors, and travel. Please pray for God to refresh us and grow us personally and as a family so we can return to ministry this winter with renewed enthusiasm and with improved disciplines in place that will enable us to thrive for the long haul.



Paula & Nate
with Josh's son Aidan



Four Generations of Ann's: Patricia Ann
Paula JoAnn, Grace Anne, Adelaide Anne



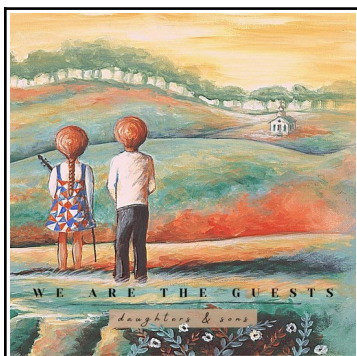
Family campout and breakfast over a campfire
at Grace Anne & Brian's new home on the prairie

New Music From the Kids

A member of our church, Clay Graber, pulled our daughter Grace Anne aside after hearing her play violin in church and asked if she would play in his “Indie” band, “We Are The Guests.” After doing a couple of local concerts in which our daughter Irene was also invited to play bass, they flew out to Virginia early this year for a recording session.

Our son Amos was roped in later to add some woodwind parts, and the production of the new album, *Daughters & Sons*, was finally completed in September. Check out their music on Spotify, Apple Music, and YouTube at <https://smarturl.it/wearetheguests>.

Grace Anne and Irene also made it into Matthew Parker’s latest music video, “Bloodstream” – you can see them about 50 seconds into the song!



We Are The Guests'
debut album!



Daughters Grace (left) & Irene (right) with band.
(Clay Graber is 2nd from the left)



William, Irene, & Grace announced Irene's pregnancy in a Matthew Parker music video!

Family News In Photos



Family visit to son Josh & Jandi's in OH

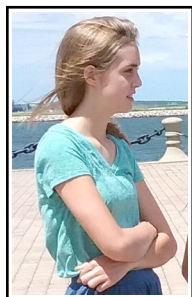


Alétheia, Paula, Hope, & Lillian on a ladyhood trip to SD



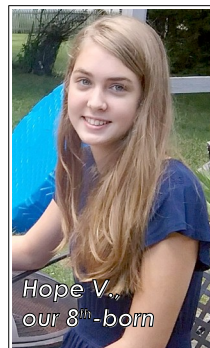
Son Peter (& his son Evan) studying welding safety

Kid's Corner: Hope Victoria



In the two years since my last kids corner, I have started high school, which means there's *more* school and it's *harder*, but it's been *fun*. We went on my sister Aletheia's "womanhood trip" to ND and SD (and MT because we were so close), and I got to see Mt. Rushmore and the badlands for the first time! I've enjoyed getting to play in the local youth orchestra (again as the only bassist), and since Irene doesn't have room for her bass at her house, I've been able to play her bass, which is much nicer than mine. I've also started learn-

ing the flute, which is actually an answer to prayer: I had been praying for one for many years, and then my cousin gave me his flute this summer! I also got to be in my sister Irene's wedding as an honorary bridesmaid, which was fun (and kind of sad, since it meant she was moving out). Since Irene and I look so similar, we switched clothes as a prank during the rehearsal dinner, but Jacen saw Irene first and recognized his new bride. We did freak him out a bit, though!



Of course, please pray that I will continue to grow closer to God and that I stay diligent with my schoolwork.



- Pray that Nate would be refreshed by taking this 6-week sabbatical and find renewed enthusiasm to re-engage in ministry for the long haul.
- Pray also for our church elders and deacon as they lead the congregation without Nate during these weeks.
- In the context of so many special events being canceled this year, pray for guidance on what to invest time in during the upcoming holiday season.
- Prayer requests for our children: blessings in their careers, wisdom for parenting, salvation for their children, and safety for those unborn.

