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FAMILY UPDATE

Another month has gone by, and we are right in the midst of all the changes that this ministry brings to our family. We are finished at Faith and excited to see what the Lord has in store for that ministry. For the family, that means more uncertain schedules.



In the month of January, we were able to celebrate Mary's 10th birthday! We had a fun time celebrating with friends. Now we have two children in the double digits. We are blessed to have Mary. She has a caring

heart and desires to be a blessing to others. We look forward to what the Lord has in store for her down the road.

In the next month, we are having looking forward to the opportunity to spend some time with family! In thinking back, it has been almost two years since we've been able to be with some of our family down South. We are taking a couple of weeks this month and making a trip south to see them. You can pray for us for safety as we travel. Also that it will be a relaxing time and not a rushed time as we try to see as much of the family as possible while we are south. The kids are looking forward to this time because they won't have to do school. We'll be through our second trimester of school, so we are considering this time our spring break. It will be fun to have a little time off for rest.

Thank you again for being a part of our ministry. We appreciate your continued support and prayers!



Ministry Update

Sunday was an exciting and momentous day at Faith Baptist Church. We installed Pastor Ben Boeshaar as the new Pastor. Installed. That's an odd word for the beginning of a pastor's ministry. In the preceding months, Pastor Ben had been interviewed, questioned, ordained and commissioned. Now, he has been installed. On Sunday afternoon the responsibilities and burdens of shepherding the flock of Faith Baptist Church passed from my shoulders to Pastor Ben's. The time was one of great joy and great seriousness.

We held the installation service Sunday afternoon. The church family was joined by three pastors of other local Baptist churches and one of our missionaries who drove all the way up from Indiana just to join us. During the service those four ministers briefly challenged Pastor Ben and the congregation. The challenges were very timely. Following their challenges, I also gave a brief challenge to Pastor Ben. The highlight of the service was a time of prayer for Pastor Ben and his family. The pastors and church board gathered around Pastor Ben and prayed. Much prayer is needed for the ministry in the months ahead. I encourage each of you to continue praying for Faith Baptist Church and the Boeshaar family as they begin ministry together.

The task of a pastor is a daunting one. The burdens are heavy, and at times unrelenting. In this ministry I carry those burdens for a few months or a year. From the time I step into a church, I know that I will only be their shepherd for a very brief time. Not so with Pastor Ben and other pastors. His burden is one that has no end date on it. He may carry it for five years or fifty, and it is his alone. Some of the weights of responsibility will, by God's grace, be shouldered by others in the church. However, there are accountabilities and obligations that can not be taken by anyone else but him. With those burdens are great joys. By God's grace there will be much fruit for his labor, souls saved, lives changing, disobedient ones coming to repentance, victory over sin, increases in attendance, new buildings and many other blessings, tangible and intangible, that cause a faithful pastor to rejoice. The task of pastoring is not easily described, nor is it easily understood. The task is wonderful and daunting, delightful and terrifying, exciting and overwhelming. Please pray faithfully for Pastor Ben and for your own pastor.



Praying for your Pastor

Hebrews 13:18

Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

Ephesians 6:19-20

- He will speak the gospel
- He will teach the gospel
- He will be bold with the gospel
- He will be faithful with the gospel

Colossians 4:3

- He will have an open door for the gospel
- He will clearly communicate the gospel
- He will faithfully proclaim of the gospel

Philippians 1:19-20

- He will not be ashamed in the work of the ministry
- He will be bold
- Christ will be magnified in his actions

Romans 1:9-11 (cf. 1 Thes. 3:10)

- He will have safety in ministry travels
- He will serve effectively
- He will strengthen the saints

Romans 15:30-32

- Deliverance from evil men
- Reception from the saints
- Accomplish ministry desires

2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

- God's Word not be hindered
- God's Word be glorified through obedience
- God's servant be delivered from opposition