

Merry Christmas 2023!

We send love and blessings to all of you this Christmas season. We are so very blessed and pray for all of your families in 2024.

LAMP Ministries - This is the name of our new fully merged church body. Nate and Pastor Curtis have been sharing the sermon time which has been very handy for sick days and vacation. LAMP continues to run a weekly children's, youth, and adult bible study, a weekly community dinner, and an after school program. We also worked together on a Good News Club at the school this fall and hope to run it again.

Connections - In 2023, our party/event/video game center was successful in its goal of holding at least 2 parties and two Parents' Night Out per month. We also hosted large community events including a Daddy Daughter Dance, Mommy Son Challenge, and we held our first wedding in November. This year, we were able to get insulation, AC, initial electric, flooring, and initial framing done in our new building. We would be honored to have your support for our work in McGregor.

Proverbs 31 Properties - In 2022, the business achieved our target number of houses to allow us to move into full time ministry. Which leads us to . . .

Nate - In March, Nate took a 3-month sabbatical offered by SpaceX which we used as an experiment. In May, Nate said goodbye to his full time commercial career in order to say hello to full time pastoring. He also is helping with homeschool, P31, Connections events, and getting all the kids to all their activities.

Becca - Besides all the stuff above, Becca still does books for Waco First Assembly and assists with the Hope House, a transition home for women. The house is slowly getting remodeled and repaired and we celebrated our 4th Thanksgiving this year.

Hannah - 15, 10th grade. Hannah decided to try club volleyball in the spring, it was fun but a lot of time commitment (and driving). She played again in the fall for Liberty. In between she babysat weekly for two little ones, attended youth events, and led our worship team at LAMP.

Benjamin - 14, 8th grade. Looking a little taller this year, Benjamin also got glasses. He continues to puzzle in his free time (aka when we tell him to get off his video games). He is playing basketball with TX Wind this fall, attends the youth group, and helps with our church tech.

Ginny - 11, 6th grade. We discovered that Ginny only has one kidney toward the beginning of the year. This has led us to some dietary changes and a maintenance medication to keep it healthy. She tried out volleyball this fall and will do that again next year.

Joel - 8, 3rd grade. Joel attended a soccer clinic in Oct and will try Little Dribblers in Dec/Jan. He's a happy guy, likes video games, still loves to wrestle and cuddle, and keeps us on our toes.

Highlights - We were able to finally go on a trip to Israel in March. It was a mission trip and Gram got to come along too! We had a Kentucky trip in May for Grace's graduation, Nashville trip in July to see the Milnes, and lots of small trips with grandparents filled out our year.