

Preparing for Conflict and Crisis in Your Church

Even as churches continue to evaluate the rubble from the destruction caused by the pandemic, something needs to be said: The crisis did not create the issues—it revealed them. And the next crisis will do the same. We would do well then to take this opportunity to pause and soberly examine what it means to be a church prepared for any season of strife—whether that be a global crisis or a squabble between families.



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Homegoing of Missionary Rob Worthington

After serving the Lord for five years as general director of the Catskill Mountains Missionary Association and 16 years in the Philippines as missionary church planter, Rob and his wife, Beth, joined Baptist Church Planters in 2010.

During their time of pre-field ministry, Rob and Beth ministered to two Filipino fellowships in New York and saw much fruit from those ministries. While continuing to minister to the two Filipino Bible studies, Rob and Beth began their first assignment with BCP. They served as assistant church planters, working with Tim and Marsha Weeks at Riverview Baptist Church in New Milford, CT. They served faithfully in this challenging revitalization until 2018.



In 2019, Rob and Beth's next discipleship efforts were focused on the people at Emmanuel Baptist in Hamlin, NY. In 2023, Faith Baptist Church in Dundee, NY, opened their doors and hearts for a time of what Rob called "personal revitalization."

We at Baptist Church Planters are so grateful to have known and served with Rob. He ran the race well and left us an example of a single-minded focus on eternal things. We are sure that after meeting his Savior and receiving his commendation that the many missionaries who impacted Rob's gospel living were next in line to greet him. Their conversations now around what God did in them and through them would be a privilege to hear.

Missionary Update

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Dear Friends and Family,

This summer was hot. We try the mindset of reversing the seasons and imagining that this is the winter season and that likewise, you cannot spend long lengths of time outside. The positive is that you do not have to shovel sunshine. However, we recorded 31 days in a row above 110-degree temps and I think we started to begin melting. So, we limit many ministry activities to indoors. We are thankful for individual discipleship opportunities and for our weekly Bible studies that have provided good interactions. I hope the pictures help you gain insight into some of our activities.

Fellow BCP missionaries from Tracy, CA, came to visit us and speak at Grace. We discussed cross-cultural ideas of reaching out to our neighbors. Wayne met with some Spanish speaking friends to discuss future potential Spanish speaking outreach opportunities. Wayne also has a favorite coffee shop and has gotten to know the owners who are from Montenegro in Europe. The corgi is named Jax.

Shanna traveled with her mom and attended a wedding for a niece in Michigan. She was able to meet up with her 3 siblings. We are thankful her mom is healthy enough to travel. In August we hosted missionaries from Sonora Mexico. They are raising support and since the wife only speaks Spanish, it was a blessing to be able to communicate with her. We had to say goodbye to a couple who have served faithfully for many years. They moved to an assisted living facility further away and will be unable to continue to attend. We are thankful for how God has directed their lives.

Jeremiah is a member of the church and met with Wayne through the summer completing his internship with Grand Canyon U. He is not going into occupational full-time ministry but will be well-equipped to serve in the local church. We also attended a conference in Nashville and made a Korean connection with a student and another adoptee. We also met up with our Air Force Chaplain friend from Phoenix.

We were blessed to have the privilege to take a day trip to San Diego to perform a bilingual wedding Ceremony for our friends who wanted to start their lives together by honoring God first. Thanks to \$19 one-way tickets.

We said goodbye to our oldest daughter as she started at FBBC. She chose her mom to drive with her and her dad to stay home with the younger kids.

Please continue to pray for provision for the increased costs from Christian School, college classes, insurance, driving, living in the city, etc. And praise God for a new family that will be able to help with the ministry at Grace. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial investments.

Wayne, Shanna, Rylee, Gloria, Claire & Simon Dale

Leadership Journey Retreats

It's retreat season! Through the fall we are taking part in helping some 20 churches kick off the next steps in their discipleship journeys with their retreat weekends.

Please pray as the men from these churches gather to seek after Him! Pray as they grow in their relationships with God, His Word, their families, their churches, and their communities.

Thank you for partnering through prayer and giving to make this vital discipleship work a reality as it will naturally flow to strong healthy reproducing churches!



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