

Wilmeth Wire September 2024



Hey everybody, welcome to the Audio Wilmeth Wire. I wanted to let you know what's been happening at Baptist Church Planters and with our family.

We just never know what a day will bring. While there are specific projects in any given period between updates, the bulk of the tasks are a regular flow of the same tasks as the previous period. This is not to say there is a shortage of ever-changing problems to solve. This solving of problems keeps me engaged and keeps the days exciting. I cannot count the number of days that I come in with one list of to do items and find myself not getting to any of them as other things need to be cared for on that given day. Perhaps you can relate. It is a pleasure to serve with our staff. Each morning, we have our prayer time through Microsoft Teams and we log in to interact and start the day together. This is vital to our operations for several reasons. Foremost, going before the Lord together unities us in the purposes He has placed us in these roles for. Additionally, it gives us opportunity to connect for things more important than the tasks of the day and be knit together as of His family. Third, it allows us to revel in what God is doing in each of our lives as we share stories of what He is doing and how we are being impacted through the reading of the Word. I am thankful God has drawn together a group of servant leaders who desire to love God and love others in their actions as well as their word.

One area of service has been to partner with our president while doing some Director work in 2 churches here in the Cleveland area. Two very different scenarios: serving as consultant for one and a member of the steering committee in another. I have enjoyed working alongside Jon in a different capacity than our normal day to day.

Another project has been to assist a church in New York who is currently going through a revitalization process. A part of that process is to spin out their Christian school to be an independent organization. I have been working through their policy adjustments and giving guidance and feedback in the process.

I have been continuing to oversee the finances for the Mission and oversaw a formal financial review. God continues to bless the Mission and the missionaries we serve.

There have been continued opportunities to assist some of our retirees with financial questions and care, as well as helping in transition from active to retired. I am thankful for the opportunities to serve and share in the care of these dear saints.

I have also enjoyed several training opportunities I have been able to have to help others build their computer skills in various ways. That is the field where I got my start out of college, and I still enjoy training and helping others gain greater confidence and skill with the technology tools we use. One big project I've been working on recently is assessing our facility usage and our stewardship of them to make sure we are making the best use of what God has entrusted with us. This project is ongoing.

I also have been operating as the Candidate Coordinator for two of our missionary families who are raising support. The Jespersens are serving in Preston, Idaho and have seen many new partners join in supporting them in reaching the population there. They are currently on a 4,000 mile journey raising support. I am also working with the Gonzalezs. With my lack of Spanish ability, I am very thankful for Shawn Haynie (of Adelpfos USA) who helps provide ongoing care and translation. The Gonzalezs are serving in Plainfield, WI and have also seen many new supporters. They also were gifted a van that will help them greatly ministry to their multilingual community. It's a pleasure serving both of these families while I am in this role.

On the family side, we had an eventful summer visiting our families in Iowa and Delaware, the boys all going to Bible camp, COVID going through the family, and helping our 2-year old **Micah** with a broken leg! He landed on it wrong at home and we were surprised to learn at the ER that he had a spiral fracture of his tibia. It was overwhelming at first since he is so young and we had to make adjustments at home to help him get around, but he had such a good attitude and made the best of it. Playing catch outside from a chair, scooting around on his arms and grabbing whatever he could to play with...he was a champ. His cast was removed about 3 weeks ago and his leg is getting stronger and back to normal.

We are excited for **Faith** who just accepted a job at a large software company in Dayton! She will start in October as a data coordinator and receive some great benefits. We are thankful to the Lord for providing this opportunity for her.

It is hard to believe that **Adam** is in his senior year. He's had some great leadership opportunities, being nominated for a leadership camp in Michigan which he really enjoyed in June. He is attending several different youth groups and helping to lead a Bible study at the high school and is a leader in the marching band drumline. We appreciate your prayers for direction for the future. He is debating his options.

Ethan continues to be a great student and musician, playing saxophone in marching band and several music groups. He is currently taking Discrete Mathematics at a local community college and we are looking into college options for next year as a senior. We also appreciate prayers for his future plans.

Asher is an energetic 6th grader getting used to middle school and loving playing percussion at school and being a band helper for the marching band. He very proudly wears a 6th grader sized uniform and carries the marching band banner. He is also very excited to be old enough for youth group at church and recently told us he feels “old”, being old enough for these “teenage things.”

Jacy is keeping everyone’s schedules straight, keeping Micah busy at home, and is excited to start a new foster care support ministry at our church. She is partnering with a foster support ministry in a nearby county that has greatly helped to support foster families and prevent burnout by putting a care team around them to help in practical ways. She is in the research phase of interviewing the foster families in our church and forming a plan to support them in the coming months.

We are so thankful for a God who not only knows our path and walks with us but He guides each step. It is a joy to be serving Him and we thank each of you for your part in providing for us so that we can serve here at BCP on your behalf.

Thank you and thank you! God is eternally good!



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