

SCOTTLINK

With grateful hearts, we say thank you for
your prayers and financial partnership.

February 2017



**Tom, Robyn,
Brooklyn, Kylie and
Jadyn**

*Serving on the campus
of Southern Seminary
2 Peter 1:3-12*

14215 Victory Ridge
Dr. Louisville, KY
40245

- Robyn: 502-572-8604
- rscott@familylife.com
- Tom: 502-572-4410
- tscott@familylife.com

www.gcx.org/scotthome

JOIN OUR TEAM

by going to:

give.cru.org/0578513

FAMILYLIFE

a subsidiary of



Family Effort:

This past week our family hosted some of our ministry partners who were in Louisville. This happens occasionally and it's a privilege to have them. Often it is a family effort to host people in our home. Sometimes our girls are asked to give up their bedroom, or perhaps an evening, so we can host visitors as a family.

We have a couple in our home, for dinner and mentoring, every Monday evening. This too is a family effort. We all eat together and often our girls are asked to help with or do all the clean up, depending on the situation. Some couples have small children and our girls are tasked with childcare.

This year Robyn joins me on campus Tuesdays and Thursdays, which has increased our ability to care for couples and singles at Southern. Once again we wouldn't be able to do this without a family effort. Brooklyn, our oldest, is in her first year of driving and without her being able to drive herself, Kylie, and Jadyn to school on Tuesdays this wouldn't be an option for Robyn. Thursdays is another team effort. Kylie has a class on Southern's campus and Brooklyn often works at Chick-fil-a, which means Jadyn has to come and do her school work in my office from 10:00am until 9:00pm most Thursdays.

These are just a few examples of how our girls have to make sacrifices in order for our family to serve the students at Southern Seminary. At times Robyn and I discuss how different these years are for our girls than what they were for us growing up. For instance, we never planned to homeschool. Both of us grew up in public school and assumed our girls would also, but in light of the ministry we've had these eleven years and where we've lived, we have made the decision to homeschool. Robyn and I both grew up in rural communities, but our girls have grown up in urban communities (Brooklyn has more freeway miles in her first year than Robyn and I did in five years probably.).

We know there are trade-offs, but the Lord has been kind to let us serve him together. I am grateful to my daughters. They are hard working in their classrooms, in the swimming pool for their swim team, and at home so as a family we can build into ministry families. Robyn was told not long ago by one of a mother we mentor on Mondays, that three of her children were pretending to go to the Scott's to play with Jadyn.

There are times when Robyn and I get nervous that we may ask our girls to sacrifice too much, and perhaps we do sometimes, but I am very grateful that the Lord has given this ministry that we can do as a family. Young families need to see older families walk through life. Our family is not perfect by any means, there is much confessing and asking for forgiveness in our home. However, the Lord has blessed me with a family that is being conformed to the image of Christ through the good, bad, and the ugly moments in our home. We are trusting the Lord to sanctify us as we continue to give to him our lives.

How can you let others see how the Lord is sanctifying you and your family? Are you retired and have time to sit down with some 40 year olds to discuss their season of life? Are you in your mid-ages and see some young 20's who are just starting out, who could stand to see God work in your life up close?

Paul changes Titus with these thoughts in Titus 2, which I'd encourage you to read, "But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine." How can we 'teach what accords (to be fitting) with sound doctrine'? We live it in front of others (Older men to younger men, older women to younger women).

Ministry Update for 2016-2017 (August 2016-Present):

So far, our ministry has been busy again this year. We have been able to personally meet with:

- 21 couples
- 27 singles (7 ladies and 20 men), and
- 1 pre-marital couple
- for a total of 71 people over the past six months (These represent anywhere from one appointment to twelve appoints for each opportunity.).

Our on campus "Datenight IN" event is consistently full (15 couples per event) for a total of 61 over the past four events. We have covered how to overcome isolation in marriage, what leaving and cleaving can look like with newly weds, the importance husband and wife roles and responsibilities, and how to create oneness in marriage.

What students are saying:

"What I discovered was that my anxiety, and my resulting control issues had nothing really to do with my upcoming marriage, but was actually a "heart" problem. The care I received helped me to see that the problem was that my relationship with Christ had become stagnant and that I had been in a very long season of turning away from God. Through the images we used in the sessions as well as the readings used, I really did begin to see and understand how the "issues" were truly because of my turning away from God.

It was Biblical because that was where the sessions started and ended. We were always in the Word. No matter what we talked about or where the discussion went, Tom always pointed to it's location in Scripture or where I could see what Scripture had to say on the subject.

It furthered my relationship with Christ because it really tested my faith and made me answer some very tough questions about myself and my own walk with Christ.

The care exceeded my expectations, without a doubt. It was much different than counseling I had received in the past." - male Mdiv student

"I reached out to Tom because I had recently looked at pornography and wanted to confess it to someone at SBTS because I had breached the student covenant.

We had a long conversation on the phone. He gave me great counsel and recommended several scriptures to read with my wife. He talked to me about the weight of the sin I had committed but also reminded me of the grace of Christ through it all: grace that is forgiving and enables me not to go back to that sin again. One of the main things that grew me from our conversation was a book he recommended that I read: Finally Free. I read the book and went through it with a friend and it has been transformational for me in my battle with sin. It helps me have a grace filled fight against sin that is practically applied through means such as being sorrowful over sin and preventing access to temptation. Our interaction went above my expectations because I just expected quick counsel or consequences for breaking the covenant. Instead what I got was ministered too and disciplined. Thanks!" - male distant student

Prayer and Praise:

Pray for more students to make the most of the opportunity they have through our student care ministry.

Pray for our family as we continue to serve here together.

Pray for John and Ronda Lovejoy (Robyn's sister) as they seek to abide in Christ while John endures a battle against esophageal cancer.

Pray for open eyes and ears to what the Lord has for you.

Praise the Lord for his generosity through so many who gave to our year-end appeal. We hope to begin working on our basement in the coming weeks.

Praise the Lord that Tom was able to complete is Masters in Biblical Counseling. He will graduate in May!!!

Praise the Lord for his work in the lives of his people each and every day.

Praise the Lord for family!