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Update

We need to first start with an apology. In over eleven years this has been the most months (four) in between newsletters. We have worked hard at keeping them monthly with a few occasions with two months passing. The past few months have been mixed with family activities, ministry, vacation, and work. We simply didn't set aside time to put one out.

In May Tom graduated with a Masters in Biblical Counseling from Southern Seminary. We were honored by Tom's brother Dick and his wife Bard, Robyn's parents Roger and Ruthann, and our great friends Scott and Taryn who came down to celebrate with us. It took Tom four and half years to complete and we are grateful for this important training that we use daily as we serve students at Southern.

May also brought the conclusion to another academic year. These can be difficult as many students we have worked with leave Louisville for literally anywhere in the world. What a privilege to be able to strategically invest into these individuals and couples before the Lord implants them around the world to sow the seed of the gospel.

June we were able to work off campus with a couple weeks of home renovation projects (Robyn got a fantastic new bathroom!), a brief vacation outside of Charleston, SC, and an opportunity to serve Holy City Church on St. James Island in Charleston, SC, a new church plant from our church in Louisville. June also brought another milestone for our family. Kylie our middle daughter turned 16 and received her driving permit. This is a fun and stressful time for a family. She is doing great! Please PRAY!

July brought us back on campus to begin preparing for a new academic year as well as a trip to Fort Collins, CO for Cru17, the staff conference for Cru staff. Robyn became another year wiser and more beautiful. She has been an amazon wife and mother. Our family is blessed by her.

August the RPMs increased as the girls return to school and Tom and Robyn are back into their full schedule on Southern's campus. Robyn pulled off the ultimate surprise birthday party for Tom filling our home with great friends the Lord has blessed us with. Tom had the privilege of performing his niece's wedding on our 22nd anniversary. How sweet to be able to share such a special day with them! Thank you for your prayers and support! What a gift you are to our family and ministry. If through financial support and/or your prayers we truly are blessed by you!

Remain

As a part of our Student Care ministry at Southern Seminary we are beginning a gathering called, *Remain*. This gathering is an opportunity for fellowship for local students and alumni who are establishing themselves in a unique church plant or revitalization ministry. In the greater Kentuckiana (Kentucky/Indiana) area there are a large number of churches that are nearly closed. Some churches no longer teach the bible as the inerrant Word of God and therefore have become anything but what the Lord intended them to be due to abandoning the Scriptures.

As students move to Louisville for seminary, many of them look for opportunities to pastor such churches. This provides these students situations to care for people through the teaching of God's Word but they tend to be very lonely seasons, especially for young families.

We have met for a year with one such family. The wife serves in the nurse's office each Sunday consisting of her daughter. The church members are not open to having their toddler daughter within the service, so this mom misses every sermon to watch her own child. There are no other young families to share the load and or to build community with. Many of these churches are not interested in a small group ministry where older men and women can come alongside younger men and women to help encourage strong marriages and healthy parenting (as I mentioned many would not encourage from a biblical worldview anyway).

Due to our interaction with this family, along with many others who are in similar situations, we felt the Lord giving the idea of bringing these families together to interact and encourage one another. This gives us an opportunity to pour into those who are working to balance marriage, parenting, and ministry while in seminary.

If you would join us in praying for our gatherings as we open our home the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings for us to join together in fellowship, Scripture, and prayer.

FamilyLife has a new President!

David Robbins has been chosen by the FamilyLife Board of Directors and ratified by the Cru Board of Directors as the new President and CEO of FamilyLife. He will assume leadership on December 1st. David and his wife, Meg, have four children, currently live in Manhattan and have been on staff with Cru for 17 years.



Dennis and Barbara aren't retiring.

Dennis will continue to host the *FamilyLife Today*® radio program, along with Bob Lepine, in 2018. They are committed to doing the best possible job of helping to launch FamilyLife's Art of Parenting™ in May of next year. Dennis will continue to speak and write, and serve as a global ambassador for FamilyLife and our mission of developing godly marriages and families. He will also be around to mentor David and ensure a strong transition. Barbara will remain at the helm of Ever Thine Home®—she will continue creating resources and writing for her blog.

Please join us as we pray for this transition that will undoubtedly impact the entire ministry.