

The Wilt Family Update

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Dear Friends,

September was a special month: Greg Sr. and Beth Ann celebrated 27 years of marriage, Liberty Lake Baptist Church celebrated five years as a church, and Greg Sr. celebrated his 49th birthday, his 40th spiritual birthday, and the 22nd anniversary of his ordination!

October did not have all the birthdays and anniversaries; however, we did have a special day to celebrate, a day that we had anticipated for a long time – we were FINALLY able to close on the building purchase for the church! When our offer was accepted on the building we had requested a contingency in the contract for us to conduct a feasibility study. Among other things, we looked at the property boundaries. When we did, it appeared as though a part of the building we wanted to purchase was on the neighbor's property, and part of the neighbor's building on the other side was on the property of the building we wanted to purchase. The seller agreed to have it professionally surveyed and, when all was said and done, our suspicions were confirmed. That launched the seller into an effort to get the proper documentation to present to the city for property boundary changes. Once the changes were recorded, the title company was able to get a clear title and we signed papers. This all took time and the seller ended up having to pay over \$9,000 for the survey work and the filing costs with the city, a cost we avoided because the Lord helped us to ask the right questions.

There are tenants in the new building whose leases and options to extend we will be honoring. That is fine with us because the lease for our current location is not up and the income we generate will help us reach our goal of paying off the building in five years. We did not need to do any bank financing. Since the very first service of Liberty Lake Baptist Church we set money back money for a building fund and managed to accumulate \$100,000. The remaining \$195,000 for the purchase was provided when an individual came forward and offered to lend us the balance. The sale price was \$295,000 which is a miracle in itself. Comparable properties in the area are going for \$800,000 to 3 million dollars.

We have about 900 square feet open in the building right now, so we are transitioning our offices there to maintain a presence. We will also be able to use that space to conduct outreach and evangelism in the area and perhaps even be able to use it for a week night Bible study location. The next space to be vacated will give us enough square footage for a 100 seat auditorium and rooms for Sunday school. We are not yet certain what the timeline will be for us to do this but intend on renovating as space becomes available. Would you prayerfully consider a special offering toward the first phase of this project? The renovation and repairs include: a small section of roofing, siding, exterior paint, demo, framing, electrical, plumbing, drywall, trim, and interior painting.

We decided to switch the church mailing address to a PO Box since we are a little uncertain about the timing of our relocation. Please note the new church mailing address:

Liberty Lake Baptist Church
PO Box 338
Liberty Lake, WA 99019

THANK YOU for being a part of what God is doing whether it is prayerfully, financially, or both.

Your Friends and Co-laborers,

Greg Sr., Beth Ann, & Ben

