



October, 2025 | Prayer Letter

### Greetings all!

This past month has been the busiest and most eventful of my life! Looking back, all I can say is that God has been so good. On September 5, 2025, I got engaged! Just two days later, on September 7, I was ordained into the Gospel ministry. Lifeway Baptist also hosted its missions conference, where I had my first official meeting. I debuted my video and participated in a Q&A session. This coming Sunday, I'll have my first official meeting outside of Lifeway. In addition, I'm in the process of securing an apartment in Robinson Township, where God has called Risha and me to start a church.

### Engagement

This was such a special time! Risha and her dad came up for my ordination service, and my mom, brother, and his family also traveled to be there. I'd like to say Risha had no clue about the proposal, but she had her nails done coming into the weekend...

For the past year, I've been living with a family from church. Their basement is set up like a studio apartment, and the wife is a professional photographer. She told us she wanted to photograph our wedding as a gift. Since we plan to get married in Tennessee instead of Pennsylvania, she wouldn't be able to do it. That gave me the idea of having her photograph the engagement instead!

I told Risha the photographer felt bad about not being able to shoot our wedding, but offered us a session as a gift. I suggested it would be nice to have some professional pictures taken, and she agreed. I found the perfect spot, a lookout over the city of Pittsburgh, and planned to propose at sunset.



It turned out even better than I imagined! After some photos, the photographer had Risha face away. She handed me the ring box, and I got down on one knee. When Risha turned around, I asked her to marry me, and she said yes! We celebrated afterwards with family!

### Ordination

Two days later came my ordination, something I had been preparing for over six years at this point. I was so thankful and humbled to finally reach this point. The service was amazing! The hardest questions actually came from my older brother, who serves as a Navy chaplain.

My favorite part was after the questioning, during the dinner. Pastor Snode asked each council member to share advice with me. Their words were so meaningful. Afterward, the church voted to ordain me, and the men of the church prayed over me. It was a powerful and unforgettable moment.



### Meetings and Apartment

God has also allowed me to schedule a few meetings. I've been diligently calling and emailing pastors, asking the Lord to give me favor so they might partner in supporting the church plant in Robinson Township. Please continue to pray with me about this!

Another big praise and prayer request: God providentially opened the door for an affordable apartment right in the heart of Robinson Township. I submitted my application yesterday and am waiting to hear back about the next steps. If this works out, Risha and I will be able to live right in the community where God has called us. It would also give us the opportunity to open our home for dinners, Bible studies, and fellowship with couples and families in the area.

**Thank you all for your prayers and support. I'm excited to see what God will do in the coming months!**

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