



Glorifying God, Serving Airmen, Pursuing Excellence

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Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings in Christ Jesus our Lord. Just this morning I was reading Acts 20 and was struck by vv.27-31, “For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.” This verse is a fitting description of this past year of ministry here in the Air Force. I’ve been preaching the whole counsel of God, and encouraging our Special Operations Force Commandos. But there are constant calls beckoning them to compromise on the essential truths of Scripture. There are “savage wolves” prowling about, attempting to compromise or destroy religious freedom, and to threaten and intimidate God fearing, Scripture following, Christians. It is been an absolute honor to pastor, serve, and lead these men and women that the Holy Spirit has entrusted to me!

This past year I've led Marriage Retreats, Family Retreats, Single Airmen Retreats, overseen the Protestant Chapel program, and provided in-depth unit visitation. I’ve deployed, and served as the Deputy Wing Chaplain when our Wing Chaplain deployed. As the Chaplain to the Special Operations Group, I’ve served and ministered to the most deployed Airmen in the Air Force (year after year since September 11, 2001...19 years and counting). They are stressed and live under pressures difficult to articulate. They are doing amazing things vocationally, but that is coming at a cost to their individual discipleship (opportunity to avail themselves of the Means of Grace due to constant travel), to their marriages, and to their families. Many are gone as much as they are home in any given year, which makes it incredibly challenging to model Christ as fathers and mothers. Pray for them!

I will meet the Promotion Board for Major at the end of June. The results should be released in late September or early October. I’ve just received my finalized Promotion Recommendation Form and was humbled and grateful to see that I received a “Definite Promote” recommendation. God is good! The family is doing well. Summer is leading Bible Studies with the ladies at First Presbyterian Church in Niceville, FL and homeschools our youngest, Murray. Our oldest, Grady, is about to start his freshman year at the University of West Florida and received the Air Force ROTC scholarship which covers his college expenses for the next four years. (Praise the Lord!). Our middle son, Owen, is heading into his senior year of high school and starting up football practices and enjoying life in Florida, #saltlife! Please keep us in your prayers as we finish out our last year here at Hurlburt Field and await the Promotion Board results in October and notification of our next Assignment in February with a move date next summer.

For Crown and Covenant,

Joey, Summer, Grady, Owen, and Murray