

On Easter, Allie Hamilton, member of the leadership council at Wayne Church provided the leadership update. She extended a special welcome to those who were visiting for the very first time because it was Easter Sunday, three years ago, when she and her husband first visited Wayne Church.

As a newly married couple, they had been searching for a church home for a few months but had not yet found a community they connected with. They desired to find a church that would support and encourage them during their current season of life, but also provide a loving environment for the children they hoped to have one day. Evidence of Allie standing before the congregation on Easter, they found everything they were looking for and more. They met friends they will have for a lifetime and gained access to a loving community that supports them now in their newest season of life- Parenthood.

They are thankful that their son, Holden will grow up in a church that seeks to embody a pretty simple mission: to Love and Serve others through Christ.

As Proverbs 22:6 says, "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

Over the coming weeks, you will be given many opportunities to love and serve the children of our congregation all in the name of Christ Jesus. A survey will be going out to gather your insight and feedback regarding potential changes to our Sunday Morning schedule, childcare offerings, and connections classes. Please consider completing the survey so you can support and influence the manner in which we love and serve others each week.

Additionally, the support of the Children's Ministry has been successful over many years through the faithful guidance of Janet French as well as volunteers who dedicate their time each week to teaching our children the Word of God. With Janet's retirement looming, the restructure of our Children's Ministry Program, coupled with a refresh of the classroom spaces this summer, only emphasizes the importance and need of volunteer support. Allie urged the congregation to consider how their skills, perspectives, experiences, and passions could support our efforts to love and serve our children each week.

More information will be released in the coming weeks related to specific volunteer and support needs. Please consider the positive impact you could make on the future of our church and the lives of our children.