



The Reed Family 2009 Christmas Chronicle

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16. Our family wishes you a Merry Christmas, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. It is through Jesus Christ that we can have the hope of eternal life.

This year has certainly been a year of change. I am grateful that we have the privilege of experiencing God's faithfulness in the midst of ever changing times. Many changes have occurred in our own household.

Ben, 19, graduated from high school last May and is attending Cedarville University in Ohio. He LOVES college and very much feels like he is back home. We continue to remind him that he still has two parents and three siblings in Kansas! We are very much looking forward to having an extended time with him over Christmas. He finished his senior year strong and was involved in several dramas, school leadership positions, and multiple jobs. He now has a job on campus and is active in a local church.

Emily, 17, is a senior! We can't believe that we have to turn around and immediately release another child to college this year. She, too, is considering Cedarville as well as another college. Emily was able to compete in several piano competitions last spring and did very well. She now plays piano for her youth group and school worship teams. Emily again ran cross country. Their team ended up in first place for Regionals and qualified to go to State. They ran well and it was a great way to end her high school running career. She continues to be involved in school and church leadership positions as well as babysitting for several families.

Megan, 14, now has her instructor's permit, allowing her to drive with an adult. (Our kids love Kansas driving laws!) She is a freshman and has adapted very well to high school. Megan also ran cross country. Both she and Emily each ran 100 miles this summer to qualify to go a team training camp in Colorado just before school started. It was neat to get to watch both girls run together. Megan earned her Meritorious in Awana last May and is beginning to work on her high school books. It is her goal to earn the Citation. Megan continues to play the flute and the piano.

Katie will be 13 at the end of this month. We can't believe that we will have all teenagers in our house! She has enjoyed being in Jr. High as well as in Trek with Awana. Katie continues to play the trumpet and piano. She played volleyball this fall and is currently playing basketball.

I am going to become Mike's office assistant beginning in May and resign from my Children's Ministry Director position at church. Mike and I will begin support raising over the next several months in order to make this a reality. We are looking forward to being able to work together and focus in on one ministry. Mike, Megan and I are also looking forward to going on a mission trip to Jamaica in February to help the Awana missionary located there.

We hope you have a blessed New Year.

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