

Merry Christmas from the Fitz Patricks

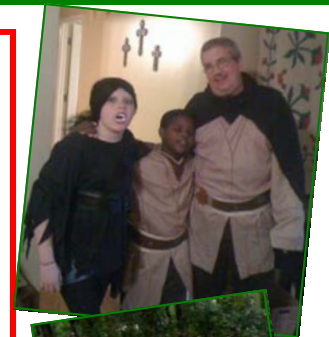


ABBY.....

was a window washer named Wanda, in the school drama production this fall after turning 13 in the spring, and discovering that babysitting's a ball as long as its not for her brother, for then she thinks he's a pest but let him fall down or hurt in some way and it becomes clear as a big Sis she's the *best*; she has been busy with voice, guitar and dance and when school offered Latin, she jumped at the chance; now Math Club has called and she rises early and seeks the opportunity to compete against other Math geeks this summer she traveled to "Big Stuff" Camp with a group of very dear friends, and there Jesus showed how He loves her so, and that His love never ends; and though this year she's seen many rough patches , manifested in physical pain; she inspires us day after day as she chooses to look for the rainbow not focus on the rain; now midterms are finally over, Christmas is just around the bend; then before we know it, another school year will end; as parents we don't like to think of it, although Abby's anticipating each day that in next year's Christmas letter, we'll be describing her as a highschooler..Yay!

SETH.....

is a tall and handsome second grader, in fact it seems he grows more so each day and while he loves his friends and teachers at school,when its time for homework he'd really rather play whether light sabers, action figures or video, Clone Wars or Episode One Anakin, Luke or a Republic Gunship, as long as its Star Wars, its fun! In the summer you will find him at the lake learning to drive the boat, he's not bad! In the fall you find him blowing the leaves, always not far from his Dad And now its basketball season, his first year and he may have found his game the bleachers are peppered with family and friends, all whooping and calling his name He too antagonizes his sister, driving his parents right out of their minds but when you get through the tough exterior, a more tender hearted child you won't find He cares for Scruffy and Tiger and Puffy, cuddling and makes sure they are fed And when Abby is feeling under the weather, Seth is taking her favorite blanket to her bed He is counting the days down til Christmas, and its great to see the excitement in his eyes No doubt he'll be first up on that special day, when we'll watch every moment cause time flies!





Happy New Year!



*Now for Kevin and Lauren, the year we will explore
lots of surgeries, trips to Cleveland and hospital stays, all in a family of four
There's been stress and more stress, and some sadness too
This we won't deny
And yet miracles continue to happen, showing us joy in each day that goes by
there's really no need for details, circumstances ebb and flow like the tide
what matters are miracles and joy and hope, shown through each of you who have walked by our side
So now we celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Saviour and King
who gave us the greatest gift of all,
in each of you who are such a blessing.*

A look back at 2010.....

*Uncle Paul is cancer free! Weekend at Space Museum, Huntsville, AL
Chrissy graduates! Julie Andrews, John Denver and the Deans
Basketball Big Stuf
Visits from family Kevin's coaching career begins
Kevin gets his CDL Game Nights
The Lake Abby Shirts
The Appalachian Trail Gracelife
Time with Friends Drama
Missing Dr. Patty, always*