

2021 Meeker Family Christmas Newsletter 2021

Family and Friends!

Merry Christmas! Another year has come and gone and what a busy one it has been. We hope that you've had a good one - we invite you to share ours with us.

Last year, we enjoyed, spending Christmas with family; opening packages, eating good food, and sharing stories. Christmas is such a magical time of year that we can celebrate Christ's birth!

2021 was a milestone year for Lee and Paige; we each have now been on this earth more than half a century. Our girls celebrated with us and made turning 50 fun. Lee has continued to enjoy his work at Raytheon and Paige enjoys her work at Anderson University. Amber has taken us to Oklahoma twice and Las Vegas as well this year in our travels! Meanwhile, Piper has taken us to St. Augustine, FL. We have had a wonderful time together as a family this year. Paige also found some beautiful Christmas lights at Silver Dollar City in Branson, MO and we took a little trip.



Amber finished her junior year strong and has started her senior year of high school - where has the time gone? She's been very busy; over the last year, she has completed her AP Art Portfolio and gained AP college credit in all AP's attempted, she completed four college coding courses through Anderson University and earned her certificate in Coding and App Development, she completed a Python coding course through the University of Michigan, and completed a Veterinary Camp for high school students through St. Andrews University while continuing to volunteer at Riverbanks Zoo and the Carolina Wildlife Center. She also gained a new partner in NRHA competition in "Smiling at You" (aka "Smiley") and did very well, pointing out of Green Reiner,



"moneying" out of Rookie 1, and participating in both the Run for the Million in Las Vegas and the North American Affiliate Championships in Oklahoma City. She celebrated her junior prom and had a great time both at the prom and in choosing a very pretty dress. As a Hammond Senior, she's taking a competitive and challenging load of courses this year and enjoying all the ceremonies that come with one's senior year, completing the circle of K-12th grade with the Hammond tree ceremony. She's been accepted at Oklahoma State University, St. Andrews University,

and Anderson University and has some decisions to make in the coming year. Her goal is to become a veterinarian; so she wants to choose wisely to be ready for her future.



Piper loves Anderson, is now an environmental science major, and looking to work through her church's "Generation Link" program after she graduates in December '22 to plant churches and bring people to God. This past year, she was blessed with the opportunity to intern at Marineland in St. Augustine, FL, and spent the summer working a 40 hour/week job. While she started out cleaning and studying, by the end of the summer she was actually in the water with the dolphins. What an amazing adventure. She discovered while living on the beach that she loves surfing. She's still dating John and turned that magical age of 21 this year. She still enjoys working



at the AU post office and has had many adventures with her friends.



Sadly, January 9th, COVID claimed another member of our family. Wiley Alexander was my Daddy's cousin. He was such a wonderful, warm, happy person. He kept the Huggins' family reunion alive. His church was having a prayer vigil, during which, as family and friends were united in prayer, Wiley was welcomed into the arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, never to be in pain or on a ventilator again. He is so missed.



As we bring this letter to an end, I urge you to remember the reason for the season. Without Christ's birth and sacrifice, we would all be lost. Praise God for His abounding love!

"And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the Glory of the Lord shown round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said 'Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of Great Joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.'" -- Luke 2: 9-11.

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We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love,

Lee, Paige, Piper, Amber,

Snowball, Oreo, Fynn,

Smiley, and Fancy

