

"Be sure of this— that I am with you always..." John 16:22

His presence  
Is the present  
That means everything.



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# A. Fake Family Yearly Update

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**Derek 9th Grade**



**Tabitha 8th Grade**



**Priscilla 4th Grade**

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

We hope this letter finds you and your family doing well this Christmas season!

Each year seems to go by faster and faster..... we cannot believe that next year at this time, Derek will be driving. We are sure you cannot wait to hear those stories.

It is always so much fun for us to review our year and recalling the many memories and blessings that we will treasure for years to come.



## Derek, Tabitha and Priscilla

We have a kid in each level of the school system: Derek - High School, 9th grade (15), Tabitha - Middle School, 8th grade (14), and Priscilla - Elementary, 4th grade (10).

Derek ran track in the spring, participating in the 800m and hurdles. He received the Good Citizenship Award in 8th Grade.

In High School, he joined the Youth in Government, Future Business Leader of America (FBLA) and Envirothon. He recently spent a day at the state capital with Senator Mike Folmer, Derek was voted off his committee because everyone wanted to go to lunch and he was the tying vote. Derek's FBLA team took 1st place regionally in the Banking & Financial Systems, so they will be going to the

state competition in April 2011.

Tabitha plays soccer all year long on a travel soccer team (LDC United Lizards). They are currently ranked 32 in the PA East Region. She was the captain on the JV Middle School soccer team in the spring and ran cross county in the fall.

She recently started weight lifting in school. Ask her to show you her guns! :) She recently attended a career fair and is expressing an interest in attend college to be a Physical Therapist / Nutritionist. I guess time will tell.

Priscilla is our little chatter box. She took baton in the beginning of the year and

competed in a number of competitions, bringing home trophies. In the fall, she started to



take horse riding lessons at L&B Farms in Hershey. She recently started 4H and participated in the Lebanon Holiday parade. She is taking violin lessons and is singing in the chorus.

Derek and Tabitha are active in our church's youth group. This summer they went to King's Quest at Kings Dominion. They saw: Family Force 5, Switchfoot, Skillet, Chris Tomlin, Toby Mac and Casting Crowns (Alan was very jealous that he did not get to see them). Tabitha recently went to River Valley Ranch in MD and Derek is scheduled to go to Niagara Fall, Canada to Youth Quest between Christmas and the New Year.



Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

## Vacations and Get Aways

In January, we headed down to Atlantic City to tryout the new BlueGreen resort on the boardwalk. We got down there in time for Alan to watch the Vikings lose again and miss out on a trip to the Super Bowl. And on the way home the Outlook's power steering went out so we got to spend 2 hours in a GM dealership before we got a loaner to drive home. The kids will remember this trip as we argued with On-Star while trying to find a GM dealer. We now have a Garmin and canceled On-Star.

In July, we went back to the BlueGreen resort in Gordonsville, VA. We took a friend of Derek's with us, Sean Light. We kayaked, raced scooters, swam, rode horseback and played chess on a giant

board. Alan won the chess tournament by crushing an 11 yr but her mom was helping her. We also watched a glass blower, he made us a camouflage pickle to hide on the Christmas tree.



In late July, Derek and Alan went on the Men and Boys campout with the church. They took 2 of Derek's friends along. They camped along Pine Creek, swam in the creek and biked to the ice cream parlor each night. Alan was the only one to sleep in the

wet tent after a huge down pour.

In August, we went to Ski Roundtop for the Mountain Adventure. We slid down the mountain on inner tubes, rolled down in a giant ball (Derek, Sean and Alan did), did the zip lines and bumper boats.

Connie took Priscilla, Tabitha and some of their friends to see the Jonas Brothers. Tabitha and her girlfriends actually had a



dream come true experience. They actually got to meet the Jonas Brothers and get their picture taken with them. They offered the girls up front tickets which were much better than the grandstand tickets. When I asked the girls about their experience, the one girl said, "they smelled really good." Oh to be a teenager again.

While the girls were at the concert Derek and Alan couldn't just sit at home, they went shopping for new cell phones for Derek and Tabitha. They also surprised Connie with her new iPad.

With the iPad and iPhones, we have gotten into Geo Caching. Where you have coordinates and you search for hidden containers.

## Connie and Alan

Alan and Connie continue to try to find that good balance between work and family. It becomes more challenging as the business needs continue to grow with a *fake productions*. We had our best year ever adding 30 new clients and websites. Alan is also busy with his full-time job at Computer Aid supporting Tyco Electronics.

Connie is active with Tabitha's LDC Lizards team doing various team manager duties as well as helping manage the Harrisburg Business Women's group monthly meetings.

We continue to do our best to help support our community website and store as they celebrate Palmyra's 250th Anniversary.



We are also active in our church as a deacon couple and small group leaders for the Jr. High youth. Connie has also stepped up and actively supports the church's website and sermon graphic and promotional drives.

Connie recently came home from Tabby's soccer practice in August with the strong desire to explore the Apple world. Much to Alan's dismay he has given in and crossed over from the IBM world to explore the Apple world via the iPad. We have

found the iPad to be a great tool for our business as we go out and visit with clients. One of our goals in 2011 is to create an Apple App.

In November, Alan was once again challenged as we added iPhones after Connie entertained the family yelling at her old phone while coming home from Tabby's soccer tournament. (Stupid Phone.....)

Alan played volleyball and softball on the church team. Connie played on the co-ed church soccer team at the BIC sports tournament and made it to the finals.

We pray that during this busy time of the year that you may remember to take some time and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and remember the HOPE that we all have in Jesus!

May God bless you and your family,  
**Alan, Connie, Derek, Tabitha, Priscilla, and Captain Fake**

