



Merry Christmas from the Culbersons!

Joel and I have finished our 7th year with Awana and are enjoying it just as much as when we first started! It's hard to believe that we only had two children then. This year *Tiffany* (9) had the chance to join a club soccer team called the Legends Thunderbolts and will continue next season. She is in her second T&T book and will have it completed by Christmas. *Brianna* (8) is in 2nd grade and in her last year of Sparks and will have her book completed by Christmas. She played soccer for the Sunflower Dragons and will continue next season. Joel has begun putting all of his piano playing to good use and is giving Brianna lessons every Monday. *Erica* (6) began Kindergarten this year and also started her HangGlider book in Sparks. She played soccer this year for the Sunflower Sharks with her cousin Ruthie and had Uncle Brian as her coach. She is our social butterfly who loves to laugh. Joel and I are so happy to tell everyone that Erica received Christ as her Savior this year! We rejoice in the Lord for our answered prayer! *Evan* (3) is our charmer. He is always close by to help mommy in the kitchen or to wrestle with daddy. Potty training Evan has been a learning experience and Joel has stepped in to help a little more!

This summer the girls had swimming lessons, we took a weekend vacation to Branson, Missouri with some friends and then spent a week with Joel's aunt and uncle in Illinois at the lake. In the middle of all of that we were able to finish off a bedroom in the basement for Brianna and Erica. We continue to thank the Lord for meeting our needs and allowing us to have a few of our wants! He is gracious to us and we are humbled by His faithfulness.

In September, Joel and I became the Children's Directors at our church. It has been a growing process and we pray that the Lord will use us as we serve in this capacity.

In October, the whole family was able to travel to St. Louis for an Awana Training Conference. Afterwards, we were treated to a concert by Mary Rice Hopkins and Darcie Mayes. The girls were so excited to meet them and spend some time with them during supper.

In November, I was able to spend a week in Utah helping my mother-in-law get settled into a cabin that they built a couple of hours away from their home. I had a wonderful time and Joel did a great job with the kids! What a guy!

Thanksgiving was spent in Arkansas this year with some of Joel's relatives. We had an enjoyable time. While we were there, we celebrated Brianna's birthday and we went ice skating and swimming. It was the first time the kids ice skated (Evan did it too!)

Joel and I pray that you will know the peace of God that comes through knowing Jesus as your personal Savior. Jesus' shed blood on the cross allows us to have a relationship with Him. If you accept this gift of salvation it will be the best gift that you receive this year.

Joel, Veronica, Tiffany, Brianna, Erica and Evan

