



Cindi and Dave Johnson--2011 Christmas at Our House

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All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him "Immanuel"-which means, "God with us." (Matthew 1:22-23)

Christmas Greetings from Cindi and Dave in Alabama!

Here's a Thumb-Nail Sketch of Our Year:

Winter. "As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance." (Daniel 12:13) We began seriously looking at retirement last winter.

Spring. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. (1 Peter 4:9) We hosted son Matt and daughter-in-law Lynsay in April just prior to our Big News: Cindi and Dave officially retired in April. We did some traveling, first to Savannah, Charleston and northern Alabama, and then off to Minnesota for our first summer "up north" in nine years. The hospitable mosquitoes gave a party on our arrival! No, we didn't grumble a whole lot.

Summer. A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. (Proverbs 31:10) After a taste of Minnesota summer, we traveled back to Silverhill in July to receive Mike and his fiance Gracia Anderson for a brief visit. Then it was back to Minnesota for a



Winter. Say to him: 'Long life to you! Good health to you and your household! And good health to all that is yours!' (1 Samuel 25:6) We are staying in Minnesota until Christmas, then will begin our trip to Brookings by way of Silverhill. So that's our 2011 year.

God's Hand. Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother." (Mark 3:35) Many times we don't know what the Lord is doing in our lives until we look back to see where we have been. Looking back at this year, it is pretty clear that God led us into retirement, but He is not done with us yet. Perhaps we are being recycled. We'll give you an update in a year, but in the mean time, stay close to Him and ...

Johnson family reunion in early September.

Fall. But you remain the same, and your years will never end. (Psalm 102:27) We stayed in Minnesota at our townhouse until Michael and Gracia's wedding December 10 in Detroit Lakes, MN. In late November we visited Trinity Lutheran Church in Brookings, OR. The church has been searching for a pastor since it withdrew from the ELCA and its long-term pastor retired. David has been asked to serve as interim pastor until April and will begin pastoral duties in January. We don't always know the Lord's plans, but He is faithful.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

