



The 2017 Flynn Family Year in Review

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." - Luke 2:10b-11

In February we attended the inaugural Deep in the Heart Film Festival here in Waco and in March we walked/jogged/ran as a family in the Baylor Bearathon. In the wee hours on Mother's Day morning, we welcomed three precious chinchilla babies into our family - Hewson, Rico and Lily - born to our adult chinchillas Pepper and Zephyr. In June, after deciding that we had outgrown our house, we moved into a luxurious rental duplex. Logan and Mia *LOVE* having their own rooms. Also in June, we adopted Daisy Mae the guinea pig into our family (bringing our total animal count to 7 chinchillas and 1 guinea pig). We put our house up for sale in July and it sold in 7 hours! Our summer consisted of birthday parties, Live Oak sports camps (football, volleyball and basketball), a Live Oak Summer Session enrichment class on cooking for Logan and Mia, Youth Group activities for Logan, Vacation Bible School, and a weeklong church camp for both kids. We took advantage of Mia *FINALLY* being old enough to go to church camp with Logan, and Carl and I ran away together, returning to Carmel, California, where we had honeymooned almost 25 years before, and spent three glorious days together. In September we participated in Mission Waco's Walk for the Homeless, and this fall we cheered on our Live Oak varsity volleyball and varsity football teams to TAPPS 2A State Championships! On December 12, Carl and I celebrated our 25th anniversary. Although we consider our trip to Carmel as our anniversary trip, we're also going to enjoy a few days - just the two of us - in San Antonio later this month.

Logan (12), also known as "my man-child" to Chantal, promoted to our church's Youth Group in May and has thoroughly enjoyed every single event and activity since. As a Logic I (7th grade) student at Live Oak Classical School, his favorite classes are Latin and Woodshop. He loved playing Junior High football this fall and is now playing Junior High basketball. Other preferred activities are playing video games on Xbox and outdoor activities.



Carl had a good but dislocating year. The dystopian state of American culture, the shockwaves that continue to rattle Baylor at every level, and the retirement of his boss in May created a lot of uncertainty about the future. He was sustained by God (of course), Chantal and the kids, meaningful ministry at Crestview, assistant coaching in the Live Oak volleyball program through a solid season of JV development and a TAPPS 2A State Title, the great team he serves alongside at Baylor, his family, and good friends near and far.



Mia (9) learned how to make slime this summer and has made many, many, many batches since. As a Grammar 4 (4th grade) student at Live Oak, her favorite classes are Latin and Math. She learned volleyball skills in the fall, participated in the Lil' Leaders Cheer Clinic for Homecoming (we're pretty sure we have a future cheerleader in our family), and is currently entering basketball season. She enjoys self-taught gymnastics, watching videos on Carl's iPad, and describes herself as 'very talkative'.



Chantal spent the summer endlessly driving Logan and Mia to their various activities. Now in her 6th year of working at Live Oak, she continues to love her ministry to the students, parents, teachers and administrators as the Office Manager for Logic/Rhetoric. She enjoys carpooling with Logan every morning to school and having him and his classmates - many of whom she's known since they were 4 - with her in the hallways.



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