



2022 Flynn Family Christmas Newsletter

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid! 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 the Messiah the Lord.”
 Luke 2:8-11

Thankfully, 2022 has been better for our family than 2020 and 2021—no COVID-related illnesses, no ice storms or power outages, and until very recently we’ve had summer-like weather in December, which has made Chantal very happy!

In March during Spring Break, Carl & Chantal enjoyed a little getaway to San Antonio while Logan & Mia were on the Youth Group Spring Break Mission Trip working with Impact Houston. Then a few days later, Chantal helped chaperone Logan’s class trip to New Orleans, where the group enjoyed the French Quarter and the National WWII Museum. In April, Chantal accompanied Logan on a Baylor Admissions tour.

July was a busy month. We attended the Deep in the Heart Film Festival here in Waco, then Carl & Chantal made a very quick trip to Michigan to attend the memorial service for the mom of Chantal’s beloved lifelong best friend Jenni. It was a blessing to spend time with Jenni and her family even though it was way too short. We ended the month with a “last hurrah of summer” adventure to Schlitterbahn Water Park in New Braunfels with some of our BFFs, the Prather family.

In August we attended the Quinceañera of our friend Eliah (Logan & Mia were on the Court). Carl & Chantal climbed Enchanted Rock with the College & Young Professionals group from our church, Crestview Church of Christ, in October. In November, Carl, Chantal & Mia attended Crestview’s Churchwide Retreat. We also rejoiced at the wedding of our beloved friends and Live Oak colleagues Chuck & Caitlin (Chantal claims a small role of playing matchmaker behind the scenes), and enjoyed our annual Friendsgiving with a few other families from church.

On December 12, we celebrated our 30th anniversary! Cheers to 30 years!

Logan (Rhetoric 3/12th Grade) had a pretty crazy and fun time this year. The end of his junior year of basketball in late winter resulted in a good playoff run that unfortunately ended too soon. Golf in the spring was great and he finished off his junior year of high school soon afterward. During the summer, he worked at TopGolf in and around being involved in a lot of camps and sports-related activities. He was offered an invitation to attend Baylor’s Faith & Sports Institute Retreat where he had a lot of fun playing sports and making a lot of memories. On top of basketball open gyms, he participated in summer league basketball. He was also deeply involved in his church Youth Group this summer and went on a lot of trips and participated in many acts of service in Waco. He went to Vermont for a mission trip centered around helping the homeless and less fortunate in low-income neighborhoods around the city of Barre. While there, he took a day trip to Montréal, Canada which was also a great experience. He also went to Crestview’s summer camp. It was his first year as a camp counselor and it went about as well as you could imagine. In addition to all of this, he completed an online American history summer course at Baylor. Once summer ended and



his senior year started, he committed 100% to basketball for his last year, and it has been an absolutely amazing season so far. As of right now, his team is 16-0 and ranked very high among private schools in Texas. On October 20, Logan was accepted to Baylor University for fall 2023 and he is excited to be a Bear! He plans to study sports marketing. All in all, it has been a great year, and he's super excited for what lies ahead.

This year has also been eventful for **Mia** (Logic 3/9th Grade). She got her braces off and competed in track in the spring. She did pretty well in her events and got a lot better at shot put. She was stage manager for the junior high play and received the Outstanding Biology Student award. She was also the director's assistant for a summer acting intensive workshop with Live Oak, which was fun. Over the summer she had basketball and volleyball camps where she worked on some skills for those sports. Her favorite trip over the summer was the Youth Group Summer Summit trip to New Mexico. She got to be outdoors and enjoy what was around her that she doesn't always notice. She is currently a high school freshman, played JV volleyball in the fall and is currently playing JV basketball. She finished her volleyball season playing on the Varsity team in the first round of playoffs, and has had an opportunity to play on the Varsity basketball team once so far this season.

Carl continues to serve at Baylor as Director of Marketing & Communications for Information Technology & University Libraries. While he was sad to lose a member of his team to an incredible opportunity in March, he was thankful to hire a new staff member in August — just in time for the fall rush. He completed his tenth year as Assistant Volleyball Coach for Live Oak Classical School this fall with a JV team that included Mia and grew tremendously, and a Varsity team that made it back to the playoffs. He was preparing to coach club volleyball with Legends here in Waco this spring, but was surprisingly offered and accepted an opportunity to teach Media Design at Baylor. At Crestview, he continues to oversee the adult education ministry and enjoyed teaching Matthew and Exodus this year alongside some of the most amazing Bible teachers. And, as if all of this wasn't enough, he was also the production designer for the Deep in the Heart Film Festival once again this year.

Chantal is in her 11th year of working at Live Oak where she continues to serve as the Operations Manager. She loves and appreciates her colleagues. She also continues to serve as the teacher's assistant in the babies & young toddlers Sunday morning Bible class at church. She enjoyed creating and nurturing a peaceful patio arrangement of houseplants this past summer. She describes herself as extremely grateful for the events of the past year. She manages the family calendar, and experiences the joys and challenges of being the mom of a high school Senior and Freshman.

*"The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."
Numbers 6:24-26*

Merry Christmas and blessings to you in the New Year!

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