



"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 Christ the Lord." Luke 2:8-11

2010: The Flynns' Year in Review

We hope you enjoyed a blessed Christmas season, spent with those you love. At this reflective time of year, we are reminded how grateful we are for our little family, for you – our family and friends – and for the birth of a precious little baby named Jesus.

Carl, Chantal & Logan all celebrated their birthdays within the same week in June (it was the big 4-0 for C & C). Carl's Dad & stepmom, Deb, came out for the week, and surprised us by flying two of Carl's brothers and their families out to be with us as well. Carl's Mom & stepdad, Chuck, came out for the week of Mia's birthday in July. Logan & Mia each enjoyed taking swimming lessons this summer and participating in summer Mother's Day Out. They love playing on the new Adventure Playset in the backyard (thanks to Papa & Grandma Debbie for buying it and to Daddy for assembling it). Over the summer we enjoyed visits from several friends: Brad & Dianne Green & family, Scott & Becky Schriber & family, Cliff & Tali Barbarick & family, and Leah Hopkins. Our eventful October included going to the Heart o' Texas Fair, returning to the Kaska Family Farm for an afternoon, and watching Baylor's Homecoming Parade. We took Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace University" class at church this fall, created a monthly budget for the first time, cancelled our cable, and have mostly succeeded at not overspending. Our big trip of the year (thanks to Dad and Deb) was traveling to California & Arizona during the week of Thanksgiving to see Carl's family and meet our new niece, Aubrey, born to Sean & Chevonne in July. We also enjoyed catching up with cousins Stan & David and some Pepperdine friends (Jeff & Michelle Partain and Philip & Aimee Woodward and their respective families) along the way. Our big home improvement project was a new backyard fence (thanks, again, to Dad and Deb).

Logan is a caring and compassionate friend, and received the Mercy Character Award at school last year. He celebrated his 5th birthday with a kiddie pool splash party in the backyard. He is thriving in Kindergarten at Live Oak Classical School, which is the same school that he attended last year (Chantal calls it the best money her mom's house ever spent) where he enjoys art, Spanish, world geography, animal kingdoms, writing and learning to read. School fieldtrips have included a walking tour of Waco historical landmarks and a nature scavenger hunt at Waco's Cameron Park. He participated in Zoo Camp this summer, dressed up as a knight for Halloween, and his hobbies and special interests include: books, drawing pictures, riding his bike with training wheels, creating stories of adventure, playing the Wii, "Schoolhouse Rock", playing outside, knock-knock jokes and playing card games.



Mia is Daddy's Girl, Logan's shadow and continues to be our sweet little helper. But wait--did we mention she's 2?! She also has plenty of moments of being Little Miss Independent and becomes frustrated if you try to help her when she doesn't want your help. At other times, she announces "I angry" and takes off her clothes in protest. She celebrated her 2nd birthday with a Winnie-the-Pooh-themed party, and attends Parent's Day Out ("school") at church two days a week. She dressed up as a butterfly for Halloween, has started toilet training and has begun to climb out of her crib. Her hobbies and special interests include polka dots, her stuffed animals, play jewelry, the play kitchen, singing Bible songs, Play-Doh, climbing in the dryer, and her friends.

Carl finished his second year as Director of Marketing and Communications for Information Technology and University Libraries at Baylor University in July. He enjoys the challenges that are thrown his way in this role and the many students he has an opportunity to nurture in the process. He facilitated a University 1000 course - a course designed to help new Baylor students adjust to learning at the university level - at Baylor this fall and had a wonderful group of students. Carl also participated in a theology colloquium on Augustine's "De Trinitate" this fall. He continues to help co-ordinate the adult education ministry at Crestview Church of Christ and teaches the "Prime Timers" class on Sunday mornings. He enjoys giving direction to the adult education ministry and writing curriculum that nurtures and develops the faith of our congregation. He enjoyed cheering the Lakers on to their 17th NBA championship along with fellow fans (and kind friends) both near and far. The highlight of his life remains time with Chantal, Logan and Mia. He enjoys catching lunch with Chantal while the kids are in school, and is grateful for babysitters who make date nights possible. His adventures with the kids included: camping out in the backyard, tickling games, imaginative outdoor adventures, building indoor tents, playing Wii, reading books, and simply snuggling. Carl has been more intentional about reading the past year - highlights include *Here Comes Everybody* by Clay Shirky, *Surprised by Hope* by N.T. Wright, and Christian Smith's *Souls in Transition*. Carl blogs on occasion, mostly on matters theological, ethical and pop cultural. Carl continues to remain active in the worlds of Twitter and Facebook, so if you are interested in keeping up with us during the year, you can find us there.

Chantal is content (still on medication and in counseling, but content!!), and spends her time raising two small children, doing laundry, vacuuming, occasionally cleaning the bathrooms, preparing meals, cleaning up, running errands, putting things away, organizing & clearing out clutter, and has ever-so-slowly started to go through boxes in the garage. She enjoys being Mommy to Logan & Mia and looks forward to dates with Carl. She tries to take advantage of the 8 or so hours a week all to herself courtesy of Logan's school and Mia's Parent's Day Out by exercising and making progress on her "To Do" list. She enjoyed Crestview's Ladies Retreat in March, loved being a chaperone on Logan's fall fieldtrips, and found great deals on children's books at Waco's Library Sale in November. She continues to be a consignor for Just Between Friends children's consignment sale (spring & fall) and attends a weekly Ladies Bible Class at church.

We celebrated our 18th wedding anniversary on December 12 by touring one of Waco's historic homes that was decorated for Christmas and enjoying a wonderful dinner together ("table for TWO!").

We have enjoyed hearing from many of you and reading your notes, cards and newsletters during the holidays. We wish you God's blessings in the New Year.

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Numbers 6.24-26