

Merry Christmas 2021!

Looking back over our year of life and photos is one of our favorite activities. And reading your reviews and seeing your beautiful photos is our second favorite! So yay for 2021 and on to 2022.

Here are some of our highlights:

- We finalized Ginny's adoption December 18, 2020
- Texas had a surprise snow in January which was fun for a day or two, but then in February we had a week of below freezing temps (Texans are not good at those) and rolling blackouts across the state. 100 year storm, hopefully?
- First apple harvest from our apple trees this spring. Yay!
- VBS in March and July
- Easter Scavenger Hunt
- Diltz Campout in March
- Multiple visits to Bandera in the spring as PawPaw wasn't doing well
- Diltz Beach Trip in May
- PawPaw went to be with Jesus on May 22nd and we held his memorial in June.
- Our first North Texas District Council (kids loved the kid's councils)
- OKC Dream Center Trip in June
- The kids all got to go to church camps in July
- Henry Reunion in July in Wisconsin
- Diltz family TN trip in August
- Hannah played 8th grade volleyball in the fall and started working one day a week
- We started fostering "Little guy" in September. This was unplanned as we had closed our license after Ginny's adoption. He will be going home early next year.
- Diltz Arkansas Thanksgiving Trip
- Ginny and Joel piano recital in December
- Christmas in Bandera with Gram in December

This is what our typical week looks like. Nate still works full-time SpaceX. We try to get schooling done in the mornings, errands after lunch, then Connections from 3-7pm. We often have special events or church events after that. Monday, Becca still helps at Waco First Assembly and the littles have piano lessons on Tuesdays. On Wednesdays, we have Royal Rangers. On Monday and Wednesdays, all of the kids have karate. They tested for yellow belts in February and have another test coming in December. Catch up stuff and chores on Saturday with Connections in the afternoon. Church on Sunday and then we do it all again. Becca squeezes in anything that needs to be done for Hope House or our Proverbs 31 Properties rental house business between other things somehow. Yes, it is busy, but what family of seven(!) isn't?

We pray blessings on every family in our address book. We love you and appreciate social media keeping us connected between Christmas letters.

Love and grace and peace to you in 2022!

- Nate, Becca, Hannah (13!), Benjamin (12), Ginny (9), Joel (6), and Little Guy (3)

John 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.