Family News

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We are approaching the end of another year and its time for our newsletter.

<u>Here's the latest:</u>

Last February Kathy and I spent a week in Anaheim, California across the street from Disneyland. It was anything but sunny southern California. We only saw sunshine for 2 hours in 5 days and the temperature never got higher than the 50's!

The following month we were able to travel to Orlando (with all of our kids and granddaughters) to surprise Kathy's mom on her birthday. I think she was very surprised. While we were there, some of us went to Sea World and had a blast.



Taylor at SeaWorld



Caitlynn, Michelle, Angel, Justinn at SeaWorld

In August Kathy and I were able to go to the Bailey Family Reunion in north Alabama. All of our kids and granddaughters were able to go as well. We all had a great time. Kathy and I decided to stay an extra day and enjoy the beautiful park at Gunthersville. We are getting used to this empty nest thing.



Kathy's sister Lori, and her husband Bill once again graciously opened their home to us for the second time this year when we went to Orlando for Thanksgiving at her brother David's house and enjoyed LOTS of great food and fellowship.

I also traveled to South Carolina for a week in June, and two weeks in North Carolina at different times. Its good to know we will be at home for the next couple of months.





Caitlynn (top) & Angel

This past summer I received a kayak for my birthday. We have lived on a 640 acre lake for more than 23 years and I finally found a way to really enjoy being on the lake. I love taking the kayak a couple of miles on the lake and just ... drifting. Its very relaxing and I've only encountered one alligator ... so far.

Kathy and I continue to spend most of our Saturdays building houses with Habitat. We have helped put four families in brand new houses in 2008!





A kiss in 1986 & a kiss in 2008



Kids in the pool – taken about 1989

All the kids and their families are in good health. Taylor is enjoying the First Grade. Her most recent report card had four A's and one B. Great job Taylor!! Kathy is still enjoying retirement and I am still riding my bicycle to work. Somethings don't change. :)



Justinn (front center), Perry (back center), TJ (back right) & cousins Michael, Michelle,&BJ







Favorite Quote:

"Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."

Mark Twain

Merry Christmas