

Merry Christmas!

from the Russell family

As you know 2010 started out very cold. We arrived in Fla. to thousands of fish floating in the canal behind our camper. The season for most of the game fish was closed for the season, although when it warmed up in Feb., we were able to enjoy the beach, and had a few fish fries.

In June we camped in north Georgia. and attended a yard sale that followed a highway in mid and north Georgia

Early July, after missing Timmy, we decided to get another "furry kid". TJ (Timmy Jr.) was found in a parking lot , and through friends, arrived at 6 weeks old, to us. Despite blood loss, due to teeth and claws, we are nearly trained, and he has grown into our hearts.

Aug. our Naval Grandson, Patrick, and we arrived in N. J. We had a good time visiting with him, and family and friends. He returned to Okinawa again, and will finish his 5 yr. hitch, and will discharge next Aug.

In September, we met Howards brother Wayne and wife, as well as Nancy and Joan, (childhood friends of Howard & Wayne) in Gordandsville Va. Joan has a timeshare, and she and Nancy invited us again for another reunion. We had a great time with them, as well as exploring the area, which included Monticello, and Montpelier.

Howard called Granddaughter Danielle to wish a happy 21st B day, and we decided to spend Thanksgiving together, and included her parents Scott, Theresa, and Gabrielle, as well as Tony, Jen, and Josh, Jen's Mom Carol, bro. Dave and wife Kate, and Granddaughter Hailey. A true Thanksgiving!!

Lots of holiday activities at Church. Decorating the Church, Xmas Party and Cantata. A "Living Tree" show at a nearby Church, and hosted a Hayride/ Campfire/Hot dog Roast. Seems everyone had good times.

As for the grandkids, Beth has moved back to Ga., and is staying with us, while freelancing as a graphic designer. Patrick is in the Navy. Andrew completed Naval basic, then was sent to Pensacola, and on to assignment on the USS Truman.

Lauren is in her second year at West GA University working toward a nursing degree. Danielle is in her third year of Vet. school at UGA. Her sister Gabrielle will graduate and has been accepted at UGA. Sarah is in her first year at Finley U for veterinarian college as well, and is on the Dean's list! Josh is doing his thing !!!

Megan, Meredith, and Blake are all doing well, and hopefully moving back next year. Hailey has had the leading role in the Secret Garden play, and should have been nominated for an Oscar!!! Morgan will be 2 years old, and is beautiful.

After ailments and therapies we are up and doing good, we can't ask for more than that. We are truly Blessed.

We wish Y'all The most Merry Christmas ever, and also the greatest New Year possible.

Love Y'All,
Howard & Joan