



*There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,  
And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him,  
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
The Spirit of counsel and might,  
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.*

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*And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse,  
Who shall stand as a banner to the people;  
For the Gentiles shall seek Him,  
And His resting place shall be glorious.*

*Isaiah 11:1-2,10*

Christmas greetings from the snowy Mid-South! While only a dusting, it was enough to put us in a jolly, yet reflective mood as we attempt to sort out where the Christmas decorations will go in our "new" Tennessee home (see new address in red below). This is the tenth residence we've shared in our 32 years of marriage, and has probably been the most challenging transition we've yet faced, having put down fairly deep roots in Central IL.

We have much to be thankful for, and praise the Lord for safety as we rushed to complete the remaining remodeling on the farmhouse, which sold in six weeks during the middle of the initial hard lockdowns early this year. Then for the safety He provided as we made

numerous round trips between IL and TN with heavy trailer-loads of our earthly possessions. And for the new friends and connections we've made in our new home and community.

But as you might gather from our annual 'photo album' on the reverse side, we've especially been blessed to spend plenty of time with our grand-kiddos. Eason and EraMae are growing up so fast! They love spending time at Grammie & Grandpa's 'new farm,' and for some reason are magnetically drawn to any large piles of dirt from the shop Ed's been building or the water sprinkler when it's out (and not necessarily in that order). We've had fun exploring several natural parks in our area, and enjoyed a great day at a local tractor show where Ed brought home two trophies and Eason won two medals.

The Lord has been good throughout it all, and we trust with complete confidence He will continue to be our 'everlasting arms,' carrying us through whatever the future has in store.

We pray the Lord's blessing on you and your home in the coming new year!

With our love, *Ed & Beth*

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# Christmas

*...a time for making new memories!*

