

We will cheer  
ourselves at  
CHRISTMAS  
With the thought  
that where you  
bide,  
You are happy  
and contented  
In a bounteous  
Christmastide.



*'Behold, days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will fulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth. Jeremiah 33:14*

Warm Christmas greetings to you and yours from us and ours! This is the 33rd edition of our annual update; we always enjoy hearing from you and praying for you throughout the year.

We've now lived a complete January–December year in Tennessee, and things are slowly settling into place. In the photos on the reverse, you will see that we've been busy with landscaping around the house and mostly finished building a pole barn for Ed's projects. In February, we had a 5" snow that hung around for a full week - our neighbor (who grew up here) said to not expect that to happen again any time soon!

Beth and I drove the full 444 mile length of the Natchez Trace for our anniversary. It's a very relaxing drive (50 MPH speed limit) with numerous historical sites and hiking trails along the way. I reprised some of the trip later in the year when I went to Louisiana to take delivery of the pickup I ordered after selling my farm truck when used truck prices got so high. The new truck is a base model and delivery was unaffected by the chip shortage.

We were blessed to assist again at Camp Rise & Shine ([campriseandshine.org](http://campriseandshine.org)) in July. Our theme was "Dig for the Truth," and we had an archaeological site set up for the kids that was a huge hit. I played "Alabama Jones" (you may have heard of his brother, 'Indiana'), and we both had a great time. I'm still playing piano at our little country church, and enjoy taking folks on rides on the buckboard wagon I built, pulled by my 1950 8N.

Beth took up sewing this year and made a beautiful table runner as well as a few other items. I've taken up hunting and fishing with my neighbor and put a bunch of fish in the freezer this summer. Still haven't bagged a deer, though. We've enjoyed hiking the beautiful trails and areas around us all summer.

The Lord has been active in both of us throughout the year, and we give Him the glory for His continual work of sanctification. We see His hand in so many aspects of our lives, and wait on Him as He teaches patience in other areas. Our prayer is for His blessings on you in the coming year.

With our love, *Ed & Beth*

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# Christmas

*a time for making memories!*

