

## Merry Christmas from the Rhodes family



It seems like with each passing year the time goes faster. It seems like with each passing year our children learn faster. It seems like with each passing year our children grow faster. It seems like with each passing year our children grow up faster. It seems like with each passing year we realize to treasure the moments more deeply. Lastly, it seems like with each passing year we must squeeze time in to write this Christmas letter.

We pray this letter finds you and your family doing well. Things get busier and busier and 2021 was an active year. Abigail is now eight years old and halfway through second grade. In the fall she started dance as an extracurricular activity. She is enjoying it very much. She also has continued playing the piano and she plays quite well. She is learning fast, and we are very proud of her. Mercedes is now ten years old and halfway through fourth grade. She continued playing basketball in the winter and the fall. She also played soccer in the summer. Mercedes is VERY active, and she enjoys all sports. She also continues playing the piano and plays quite well. She is learning fast, and we are very proud of her.



Over the summer we were excited to join our family in Dayton and meet our niece/cousin, Felicity. Felicity is Steve's brother, Patrick's, youngest child. Also, we would be remiss if we did not share, it has been our pleasure and joy to continue serving the members and attendees of Bethel Friends. They are a wonderful church family, and it is truly a joy to serve as their pastor.



Overall, we are thankful the Lord has gifted us with another year. We have graciously received another year from the Lord. We have had another year of worshipping Him, another year of sharing the Gospel with others, another year of serving others and the Lord, another year of supporting, loving, and caring for our family. We have been greatly blessed with another year of knowing the Lord and growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior to Him be the glory forever (2 Peter 3:18). As Christmas fast approaches we are eager to celebrate our Lord, who came as God in the flesh, Immanuel, to die on the cross for our sins and rise again for our justification (Romans 2 Cor. 5:21; 4:25).

May God richly bless you this Christmas!  
Steve, Meagan, Mercedes, and Abigail

