

“...ON THE ROAD WITH THE MARSHALLS”

It is away past time for an update on the Kansas City Marshalls! With that said, summer 2009 has arrived. Severe storms have already made their appearance in “Tornado Alley”! I believe it is important that we consider our days and number them “...as unto the Lord and live them for Him!”

Our April & May 2009 birthdays were memorable. David & Shannon drove here from Texas and they and Janet hosted a big party for us. Shannon had made a 58” x 68” quilt for each of us using denim blocks from each member of our immediate family. Beautiful heirlooms!

Family! There is nothing better than watching the grandkids grow up and begin the next generation. We have 5 of the little’n’s, we call “great grand children! Jacey is already 11 years old and Landen is 3 years old, with 3 in between. Jami’s son Hunter is now 9 years old. Kari and Andy’s two: Jaden 10 and Jaxen 8. Simply stated our oldest son Grandpa Larry is getting older. Yep, AARP welcomed him this year. Smile! That is all, until Jason, Tasso, Branin, and Miranda all get married and start their families!

Texas Wedding! Marge and I traveled to Alpine TX via Kingfisher OK, Dallas, and Austin, Texas, for the wedding of Halee and Marshall Holland last summer! The newly weds are living in Lubbock, Texas, where Marshall is a junior at TX Tech and Halee is employed at the hospital. She graduated from Bakery Culinary School in Austin TX earlier this year.

What about our 3 kids? I thought you all would want to know what is happening in their lives. Larry and Renee live in Albuquerque NM with their daughter Miranda, who is a junior in college and I think she may be studying “sports medicine.” Larry and Renee keep busy doing their “things.”

And...Janet is the prettiest and best caregiver and daughter any parents would desire to have. She renewed her Medical Assistant Certificate and keeps busy taking care of her folks and herself! She keeps us in line, our appointments straight and is learning more and more about the health business, just by going with her parents. Her son, Tasso, is self-employed and is ever looking for new ideas and projects to get involved in. Check out his web site at www.spaciousskies.us/tassosvendingco/ His momma is very happy to have him living closer now, in Joplin MO.

David and Shannon now are “empty nesters.” Branin has completed computer school and graduated at the TOP of his class and has chosen to remain in Austin TX.

David did some interim pastoral work at their church prior to their new pastor arriving and has decided for now that being a fulltime pastor is down the road a ways, but he is studying for the ministry. He's with Customs & Border Patrol and has been promoted to Supervisor. Shannon, along with her business partner, opened a Tea Shop there but due to the lack of “traffic” (people) and for health reasons decided it was not feasible to remain open.

Ya Need a Web-site? Marge is still working on creating more websites for those who want to get their businesses on line! IF you check out our pages you’ll discover quite a few. Believe me her rates are lower than you’ll find anywhere! Her business website is www.spaciousskies.us/.

NEW?? This past year I finished reading the Ecclesiastes and in it Solomon wrote ‘...*there is nothing new under the sun and the writing of many books is useless so to speak.*’ But IF you will click onto my ministry page you’ll find a slide show of various parts of Alaska we have ministered in. www.spaciousskies.us/howard/

FLASH: Darrel Keeley RETIRES!! After almost 30 years working for Brinks he is now retired and “enjoying” it! Even though

he thinks he'll be busier than ever with his wife becoming more famous with her Gospel Singing concerts, and being a member of the CMA (Christian Music Association) As a teenager, Cindy was a member of our church in Kansas City KS They have adopted us as grandparents to their 4 children and 6 grandchildren) The prophet Jeremiah penned in "...***call upon me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not.***" Jeremiah 33:3 is true! PTL!

Volunteer Work: I have found that I have too much time on my hands and can only sleep so many hours a day, plus keeping my appointments with Doc Phil and Show Host Oprah Winfrey (smile) that I needed to work with the Gracious Promise Foundation in Kansas City KS. GPF assists families of the incarcerated and those just released from jail or prison. Just after Christmas I had a moving experience, one that got a hold of my heart strings. A lady came in for help and had her 4-year-old grandson with her. After she was seated I asked her if he could have a donut. She said yes, so I asked him and his reply was "...my feet hurt." I looked at his shoes. Too small, no laces, no socks and I told him, "Let me see if I can find you some shoes." We checked a couple of pairs, still too small. Found a pair that fit, got him some socks, put the shoes on and he was excited about his "new shoes." His grandma said, "...that is his Christmas present 'cause I didn't have any money for my 3 grandchildren." Just about brought tears to my eyes, folks!

Goodbye Alaska! My summer trips ended September 5, 2007 with no plans on going back to Alaska. I will limit my comments to: "God doeth all things well!" Thanks to the Alaska District Council, the Camp AN staff, the Yukon Delta A/G congregation, Jim & Nancy Mercer for being a blessing to me.

Over the Top-Trailer Project! So many of our family and friends rallied around

donating funds to purchase a small 2-wheel trailer for Yukon Delta Assembly of God Church! The goal was \$1,500 and we exceeded it by almost \$1,000. We sent \$2,425 It was my pleasure to meet Pastor Austin Jones, his wife, Jennifer, and Aiden their son in Anchorage before they flew out to Emmonak! God spoke to their hearts several years ago about going. Their new son Wyatt came to live with them in October 2008. They are now in place and doing what God has called them to do!

Note: How about you? Are You?

Just a Word ABOUT the Word:

It would not be right to send you our "On the Road" without some scripture for encouragement. One of the things I endeavor to do is to have God's Word open to spend time in it daily, well almost daily. Recently our pastor was preaching out of Joshua and I have found some challenges that stand out to me at least and perhaps to you as well. Strong: Now I am working on that and have found some limitations in what I am able to do. Courage: At 78 I know that I do not have many years left (I want at least to see my great-grandchildren grown) so am taking courage to heart. Then for Joshua and his followers it was important for them to be obedient ...and I do try to be obedient to what He desires for me, and my family. ***"...Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. ... Do not turn from [the Book] to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go.... This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night."*** (Joshua 1:5-8) NASB

In April I was recognized by the Kansas District Council for 50 years as an Ordained Minister. The General Council sent a gold 50-year pin. How time flies! Actually I received my first ministry papers 55 years ago.

We've now been married 57 years. (big grin)