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Bihls' Bugle



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dear friends, here is a snapshot of our lives from 2019...

Danny is still a Paramedic at AMR (American Medical Response), and he got promoted to Field Training Officer this past Fall. He stays active in a Christian men's group, *Legacy Outfitters*, and he helped coordinate a youth hunt this November at the campground where we volunteer as Park Hosts.

I (Amy) still work at Therapy 2000 as a Social Work Case Manager, and I still serve on the board of Chari-T2000 (a Texas non-profit that helps children with special healthcare needs). This Fall, I was thrilled to join the church choir and Praise Team; I've really missed singing in a choir. I still serve in the children's ministry at church but now serve on Wednesday evenings instead of Sunday mornings. Whenever I have spare time, I try to keep writing new content for my blog, faithfamilyfirst.com.

In April, Danny and I had the privilege of being interviewed and filmed for the Garland School of Social Work's *Mastering Your Marriage*, a marriage enrichment program (in partnership with the Chris Kyle Frog Foundation) for first responder and military couples. We served on the program's advisory board in 2017 and 2018 and are excited to see how the program is helping first responder and military families. Danny and I will be celebrating our 15 year wedding anniversary in 2020. God is good!





The highlight of our year was adopting a 4 year old Beagle, named **Snoopy** (aka "Snoops" and "Snoop-Dog"). He is great with the boys and loves to cuddle, play fetch, and chase after the deer and armadillo in the campground where we live. He is such a sweet addition to our family, and we love him to pieces.

Caleb will turn 10 in February and has been enjoying the fourth grade. He participated in Cub Scouts again this year but didn't continue it in the Fall. He plans to maybe try out for baseball this coming year instead. His current interests are magic tricks, video games, and rollerblading. **Aden** turned 4 in October, and he really enjoys his pre-school. He is a bundle of energy and keeps us laughing and smiling with his fun-loving personality.

We're still living in our 400 sq. ft. fifth wheel home. March 2020 will mark 2 years of "tiny living".

This past year we enjoyed several family trips! In the Summer, we went to Glen Rose, TX to visit Dinosaur World and Dinosaur Valley State Park, and we also visited Meridian State Park. In September, we travelled to East Texas to visit family, and we travelled to Joplin and Carthage, Missouri for a cousin's wedding.



Danny and the boys are pictured at the "Hardy Farm" (in Missouri), a 123 year old farm that has been in my grandmother's family since 1903.



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