



Bihl's Bugle



Merry Christmas!

We started off 2021 with a two-day camping trip to Lake Bastrop in January while Danny worked a *Too Cool Adventure Race* as a medic. The following month we had to tearfully say good-bye to our beloved Snoopy. He became progressively ill, and we held him in our arms as he crossed the "rainbow bridge." We miss him dearly, and he will forever hold a special place in our hearts. ❤️

In March, Danny served as a medic for another *Too Cool Adventure Race* at Lake Somerville, and we used the weekend for a family trip to see beautiful bluebonnets and Texas sunsets, in addition to the Blue Bell Ice Cream Factory in Brenham, TX. Snoopy would have loved the bluebonnets—and ice cream. We also recently took a weekend trip to Fredericksburg, TX (in December), stopping in San Antonio for a surprise Argentine lunch at *Dorrego's*, followed by empanadas at *La Che Empanada Factory*.



Lake Bastrop (Jan)



Lake Somerville (March)

The highlight trip of the year included a week-long visit to Puerto Rico in June. My (Amy) older brother and his family moved to San Juan last December, so we three siblings (and spouses and kids) decided to celebrate my parents' 50th wedding anniversary in San Juan and Rincón. It was the boys' first-time experience to fly in an airplane, and it was also the first time for Danny and the boys to ever visit a beach. Fun was had by all, and it was a trip that we will cherish for years to come!



This year, I (**Amy**) published three children and family devotional books under my Faith & Family First, LLC: *Andy's Armor of God*, *Ana's Armor of God*, and *Creation Exploration*, all of which are available on Amazon. In addition to my occasional blogging at faithfamilyfirst.com, I'm currently working on a Christian novella trilogy (for adults) that I hope to publish within a year or two. It's hard to find the time with my full-time social work job, but I will keep at it! I also remain a board member with Chari-T2000, and I lead the PreK-Kinder Choir on Wednesday evenings at our church. In July, I had the privilege of joining my twin brother, Andy, in recording an English and Spanish worship song for the 2021 Baptist World Alliance.

Danny has completed his first year at Tractor Supply Company as an Assistant Store Manager, and he continues to serve as a volunteer hunting mentor (his third consecutive year) for the annual youth hunts and annual Women's B.O.W. (Becoming an Outdoor Woman) hunts, in partnership with Legacy Outfitters and Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Caleb began sixth grade in the Fall, and he started playing the alto sax in band. He loves it! **Aden** graduated from PreK in May and started Kindergarten in the Fall, at the same school where Danny attended third grade. Aden likes to think he sits at the same table where his daddy once sat; who knows, maybe he does? Both boys have enjoyed participating in Wednesday night church choir this past Fall, in addition to helping their daddy with spreading feed near the deer stands in preparation for the annual hunts.

2021 marks our third year in the fifth wheel and campground. New experiences this past year included an unexpected "Texas Snowpocalypse" in February, where our pipes froze, hot water heater cracked, and sewer lines burst, so we sheltered in a hotel for a few days. We found a litter of stray kittens in our trailer tongue hitch, had a ladybug infestation after a swarm flew into the front door (at least it wasn't a swarm of bees, like in 2019!), and we recently trapped and released a little field mouse that had found his way inside somehow. Maybe he was a little Christmas mouse? He better not come back for New Year's...

We thank you for being a part of our lives, and we pray you have a blessed Christmas and New Year. Let us hold our loved ones close, hold God even closer, and ***Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever.*** (Psalm 107:1)

Aden's PreK graduation in May, Caleb with his sax in Oct, and the boys at Fort Martin Scott in Fredericksburg, TX (Dec).



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