

Christmas 2009

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times”

---Charles Dickens

With the loss of Sharon's dad in June, and family friend Marguerite McKeithen in July, this year could very well earn the title of “the worst of times.” Dad's death from cancer was sudden and unexpected, less than a month after we returned from a cruise to Vancouver that Mom and Dad had sent us on to celebrate Sharon's upcoming commissioning as a provisional minister in the United Methodist Church. This was the saving grace of 2009, earning it the title of “the best of times”! After her commissioning on June 20, Sharon was appointed to Linda Vista United Methodist Church in San Diego. Despite the challenges of living half the time in Irvine and half the time in San Diego, with Dale coming down for the weekends, Sharon is enjoying being Pastor Sharon very much! Linda Vista UMC is a great church!

Matt has been working at Nickelodeon Studios in Burbank for over a year now. He now has his name in the credit roll of two shows, “The Penguins of Madagascar,” and the new show “Fanboy & Chum Chum.” He is really enjoying this job! Perks include going to private showings of some first-release movies at different studios and hanging out with co-workers.

Dale is still working at Kawasaki as a systems programmer, as he has for almost 34 years. He sang with Gospelfolk, a special music group at the Irvine church in the choir concert in June. It turned out being the last time they were together as Howard resigned because his shakes prevent his continuing to play banjo. Dale hasn't sung a solo in San Diego yet, but the choir members assigned him one in the Christmas cantata when he missed a rehearsal.

To all of our friends, old and new, we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy year in 2010! God is still in heaven, and even when not very much seems right with the world, we are still grateful for the wonderful blessings of family, friends, and love.

Much love,

Dale, Sharon, and Matt McCart

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