

### Who's in Charge

STILL OUR SAVIOR



IT'S OUR 50TH



NEW HOME FOR JESSICA AND DAVID



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# NIPELY NEWS



## Who's in charge?

Another year has passed and we have survived one of the most contentious Presidential Elections, an upsurge of ISIS, wildfires, floods and other seemingly hopeless disasters. The proof that we have survived may be that there is still good in the world and (most importantly) we have a Savior. John (the Revelator) wrote in Chapter one of his Gospel the words that John the Baptizer uttered when he saw Jesus approaching; "Behold The Lamb of GOD who takes away the sins of the world" (v. 29b). Later in chapter three, Jesus says about himself; "This is the verdict: Light has come into the world."

The Lamb as a sacrifice for all of our sins, whether we acknowledge them or not and the Light came to dispel the darkness and show us the Truth.

So we have been told who's in charge and He was and is our true Christmas Gift.

## 50th Wedding Anniversary

The highlight of the year most probably was the celebration of our 50th anniversary. Many have told us that we appear too young to have been married for 50 years. The answer is simple, it was an arranged marriage and we were only 10 at the time. Others have asked how we managed to survive 50 years and again the answer is simple. We're both so stubborn that neither of us wanted to be the first to give up.

We had a nice party with 40 or so guests and it was complete with a replica (as near as possible) cake from Danielle who also acted as hostess. And we had second cake produced by a budding entrepreneur, Quincy Walden. Live music by Texoma Highway and a buffet provided by The Prairie House. David and his boys did a stand up routine centered around how old their grandparents are. Of the original guests from 1966, Warren Nipe and Helen Upperman were the only ones present, but many of our local friends were there to make it memorable.

Here's to 50 more!

## Paddle Wheel Cruise

For our 50th, we took a cruise aboard a paddlewheel down the Snake and Columbia Rivers starting in Clarkson, WA and ending in Portland, Or (with a day trip out to the mouth of the Columbia where it meets the Pacific Ocean. The scenery is varied with barren looking hills and mountains in the east, gradually getting greener and more mountainous as one goes west. Cape Disappointment is very rugged and the current is quite wild. All in all, though it was just a nice relaxing trip.

*High Noon,  
August 27, 1966*



*Paddling down  
the River*



*Mount Hood*





***Christmas lights on the Pool (Sewing House).***

## POOL (*I Mean Sewing*) House

Last Year we reported on Helen's move to Krugerville and showed the pool house that we installed as a place for her sewing items. At that time, she had assured us that the space in one front corner would satisfy all of her needs and that there would be room left over for a pool table.

The day arrived when her belongings arrived and lo and behold, the pool house was full and there was stuff outside and the attic was bulging (you all know I would never exaggerate). So it is now referred to as the

Sewing house. The pool table is still on lay away.

## David and Jessica have a home.

After many years in small houses and trailers, Jessica and David were able to purchase their first home. It has bedrooms enough for the kids to each have their own with several large rooms downstairs for entertaining. It is a great open plan with a modern large kitchen. In fact, the house is nearly 3000 sq ft so there is plenty of room (in fact, it could even hold all of Aunt Helen's stuff).

The house is located in Krum, TX (yes for all of you non-Texans, there is such a city as Krum) and has a great school system for the kids. Ashtin and Bailey are in the 8th grade and like it much better than the Denton Middle School they were in. Peyton is in 3rd grade at the Krum Elementary. All seem to be doing much better in their grades as well.



Kawati Place, Krum, TX

## Thanksgiving in NJ

For the first time in a bunch of years, we were able to go to New Jersey for the annual Nipe-Hutchinson Thanksgiving party. Warren and Ellen host this gala event every year and relatives, in laws and outlaws from near and wide show up. As usual, there was enough food to feed the City of Krugerville. Since we went for a week, we were able to visit our cousin, Lisa and husband Scott for some Northern Chili lunch (it would have passed any southern chili test!!). And drop in on our good friends Irv and Jill Ware for a relaxing afternoon. A ride through South Jersey showed us that it is as beautiful as ever. We stayed just off the campus of Rowan University (one of John's Alma Maters (received teaching certification there), which has grown to be a lovely campus.

## The Great Company

On December 4, we put on an original Christmas play for the congregation. My role was as a miserly, grouchy brother who had no joy especially regarding Jesus and was bitter towards his little brother who had found his through the Lord. He accepts the Lord and discovers the Joy much like Scrooge or the Grinch.



The Cast

I know you're thinking, I must be a great actor to pull off the miserly and grouchy bit but Geri and Helen assure me that it was actually good type casting!

## The Byword

Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.

Norman Vincent Peale

He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.

Roy L Smith

God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If he gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it.

Pope Francis

The two most joyous times of the year are Christmas morning and the end of school.

Alice Cooper (yeah I know - a surprise)

Christmas is the day that holds all time together.

Alexander Smith



*Helen, Geri & John  
wish you all a joyous  
and blessed Christmas  
and hope it begins a  
fresh spiritual year in  
2017.*