

**Christmas, 2004**

**Happy holidays from our family to yours!**

**Well... here we are at the end of another year and once again wondering where it all went. All in all, it's been a good year. We hope your year has gone as well or better than ours.**

**We started the year off with a trip to Savannah, GA. There we toured the historic district for a few days. Then we headed just a short hop north to Hilton Head Island, SC.**

**In May we traveled to UNC Greensboro to see Rachel receive her Master's in Elementary Education. She's taken a job at a Durham County school nearby and is settling in with her first class of students. Michael continues growing the program at the Chapel Hill YMCA where he serves as the Sports Director.**

**In June we spent a week at Emerald Isle with our friends Annette and Jim. While there, Michelle and Walker came down to spend a few days with us.**

**In July we traveled to Seattle to see Mark's sister Jo Ann and her hubby John tie the knot. It was a great family reunion for both sides. While there we took in the waterfront market, several fine restaurants and even a day cruise around Lake Washington where we got to see the high dollar homes of notables like Bill Gates, the founder of Starbucks and the head honcho of Boeing Aircraft Corp.**

**In August we headed down to Myrtle Beach for a few lazy days with our friends Nancy and Frank. Grandson Walker had his first birthday party in August.**

**In September Mark rotated onto the deaconate at church. >He'll only be serving out a one year unexpired term for another deacon who had to resign.**

**In October Mark and his sister Pat attended a reunion for Edison High School where they both graduated. Mark is serving as webmaster for the 2006 reunion that will mark his 40<sup>th</sup> reunion. He has already made a couple of trips to the Northern Virginia area for committee meetings.**

**This month we went with a group of dear friends down to the coast to take in a Xmas show at the music theater in Morehead City.< It was really a fun weekend spent in the company of folks we've know for many, many years.**

**We think of you often and look forward to hearing from you every year. Since Christmas is a time to enjoy those you love, We hope this finds you enjoying the company of those you love most.**

**Like last year, we hope we can all take the time to reflect on the many blessings our Lord has given us, give thanks to Him for His gift of salvation and pray for peace in this troubled world.**



**Love Always,  
Mark & Ann**