

Other News in the Family:

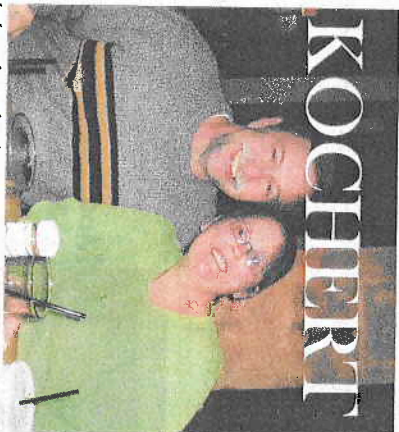
After more than seven years of living with us, Sandy has moved into her own apartment. In spite of the squabbling that went on from time to time, Jamie misses having her mother nearby. Her apartment is in town and much closer to the elementary school where she still works as a crossing guard. It can be a struggle to make ends meet, but we are very proud of her independence.

Ashley and Mordecai are currently living with us. They can be reached at 2220 N Slickrock Dr, Columbia, MO 65202; 573-256-0259. As for Ashley and Melvin, we've been told they are just friends. We do know that Mordecai gets to spend time with his Dad and his brothers - and that's a good thing.

Jenny and Joseph are still together. They moved this summer to a really cute apartment. Their new address is 7340 Sundown Court, Apt A, Columbia, MO 65202; 573-874-8881. Jenny is the lab manager for Applied Environmental Solutions, LLC and Joseph is still delivering and installing appliances.

We've added a new pet to the family...a cat. She is white on the underside and black on the topside so we named her Oreo. She and Bella are still getting used to each other. We are hoping for the best.

*God's Blessings and Peace
to you and your family!*



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Merry **Christ**mas
to each of you!

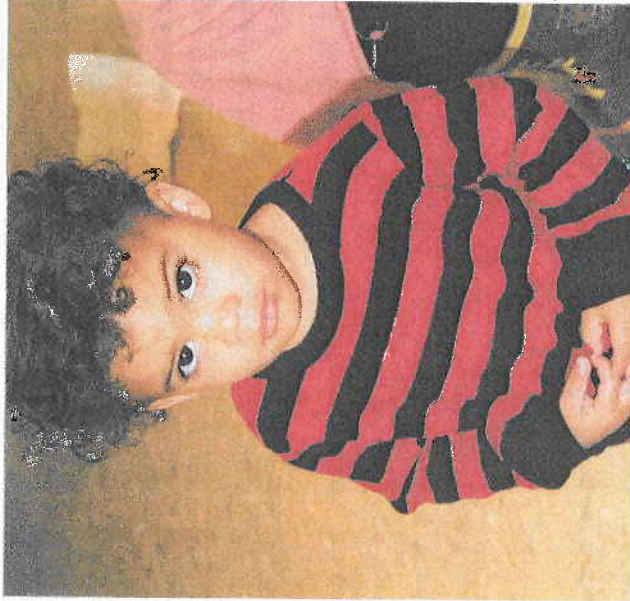
Hard to believe that another year has come and gone. It has certainly flown by at our house. Don't know whether we are just forgetting much of the year or have been so busy that we hadn't noticed its' passing.

In 2007, Steven and Jamie took on a new ministry at church. It's called Angel Food. For \$30.00 you place an order for a box of food that includes meats, fresh fruits and vegetables, your typical staple items and dessert. Two weeks later, you come to a host church and pick it up. It is an amazing deal for everyone.

In June, when we began this ministry, we distributed 41 regular menus. In December, we distributed 169. That is a four-fold increase in seven months. None of this would be possible without the amazing support we have received from our church. Each month, rain, snow or sunny weather, we have 30-35 volunteers who don their red aprons and provide love to our visitors. And, there is truly a need for more love in our community. Each month, we hear stories from the people who come through our doors. Some are out of work, some have had unexpected circumstances creep into their lives, while others simply welcome the opportunity to save money on their grocery bill. Fairview UMC is truly a church that gives with a heart of love!

This program is currently feeding over 500,000 families in 32 states, including Indiana. Visit www.angelfoodministries.com for a location near you. We have been so blessed to be a part of this ministry.

What is there to say about Mordecai...we don't even begin to have enough room! Being a grandparent is the best thing in the whole world. He is so full of life. All of his hopes and dreams are in front of him. How exciting! He will be two years old on New Year's Eve. God knew just what we needed in our lives. He keeps us on the move.

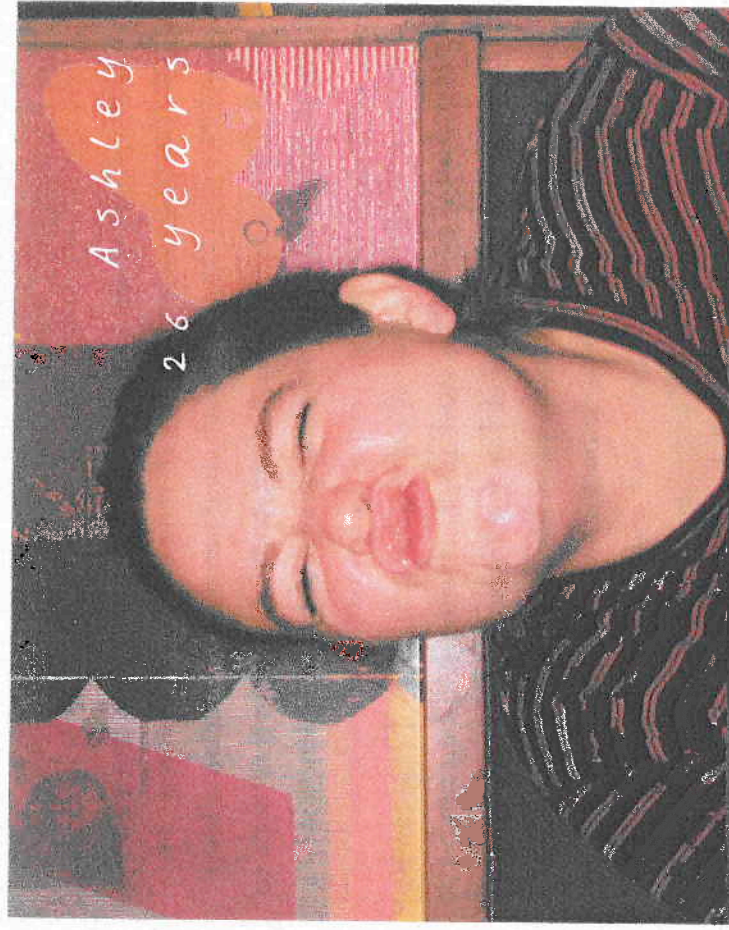


Mordecai loves to go to church. Not sure if it's God he's seeking or the fact that he knows where the cookie tin is located, but he can't wait to get inside the front doors. And he has an entire church family to watch over him. They sure have taken a likin' to him.

Mordecai has also turned out to be quite the fish. He absolutely loves the water. Whether it's swimming in the backyard pool or Grandma's big tub, he can spend **HOURS** splashing.

These days, he is picking up words right and left. He loves to read books, spend time with Papa in the garage fixing things and escaping to the great outdoors as much as possible. He also has particularly good hand-eye coordination. The boy can drop kick ball like nothing we've ever seen. We see a punter or soccer player in the future.

Can you tell we are absolutely head over heels in love with this kid?



Ashley
26 years



Joseph
23 years