

Happy Epiphany from the Clontz Family!!

January, 2013

Hello everyone! You have been in our thoughts and prayers throughout the year.

We have been having a wonderful Christmas holiday, but getting together around the Advent Wreath has become more difficult since all our kids have moved on to college! There have been LOTS of changes in the Clontz household since last we last wrote. So here is an update on our family and what we are all up to these days.

On January 1st, 2012, Sherill began her appointment as the Superintendent of the Cheaha District and her preaching responsibilities at Trinity ended on Palm Sunday. (For those unfamiliar with the position of DS, a DS is both the supervisor and pastor to pastors in the District as well as an advisor to the Bishop.) For those who are curious of what area the Cheaha district covers, a map can be found here:

<http://www.northalabamaumc.org/pages/detail/985>

As a result of Sherill's new assignment, she moved to Gardendale (just north of Birmingham) and she and Craig lived apart during the week, which was quite a challenge! But we both enjoyed dating one another with various outings in Birmingham and season tickets to Auburn football (which we enjoyed in spite of the results of the season, and it was great staying with Steven and Jessica at their home in Auburn on home game weekends!). In December 2012, Sherill moved to a new apartment in Trussville, which will be much closer to the churches in her district and just a bit farther from her office on the campus of Birmingham Southern College.

Steven is continuing work on his Ph.D. and is still working as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at Auburn teaching Calculus and Honor Calculus classes. Jessica began her job teaching

the computer lab at Dean Road Elementary school in Auburn. They are both doing great!



Phillip is currently a senior at UAH majoring in mathematics and secondary education. So far he is maintaining a 4.0!

Phillip has a wonderful girlfriend, Christina St. Clair, whom he has been dating for five and a half years, and they became engaged in September this year! They have set a wedding date for March 23, 2014.



Laura is now a junior at Birmingham-Southern College majoring in Collaborative Elementary/Special Education (Teacher number 3!). She was accepted as part of the Honors program, and is working as a Resident Advisor in the sophomore dorm. Laura had the exciting opportunity to go to Viet Nam for nearly a month this May. Laura turned 21

years old on December 30, 2012, so all our kids are now officially adults!



Laura has been dating Trent Webb for five years (on New Year's Eve). Trent is a senior at that school in Tuscaloosa ;-D, majoring in Engineering.



Craig just completed his 30th year working at Dynetics on December 16th this year. He feels blessed to have started a job one week out of college that he has enjoyed all those years, with work that is rewarding and co-workers who are wonderful to work with. He has been busy in Sherill's absence, making three long trips to Fairbanks Alaska over the summer to support work on a radar test, as well as two field tests at Eglin AFB, Florida and a test planning trip to the Utah Test and Training Range near Salt

Lake city this fall. In between trips he was able to visit Sherill in Birmingham and accompany her to several charge conference meetings at churches in the Cheaha district this fall.



Craig at the Arctic Circle, Alaska

Each year, we gather with the extended Clontz/England/Sisler clan at Tybee Island Georgia. And each year we have to get a bigger place as the extended family grows larger!



We hope you are all doing well! And we hope to do a better job of keeping in touch with folks in the coming year. If you are on facebook, you can find us all there! If you email, you can reach all of us by our names @fivebandgeeks.com. We hope to hear from you all!

God Bless!

Craig, Sherill, Steven, Phillip and Laura