



Team Anderson News

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Dear Family and Friends,

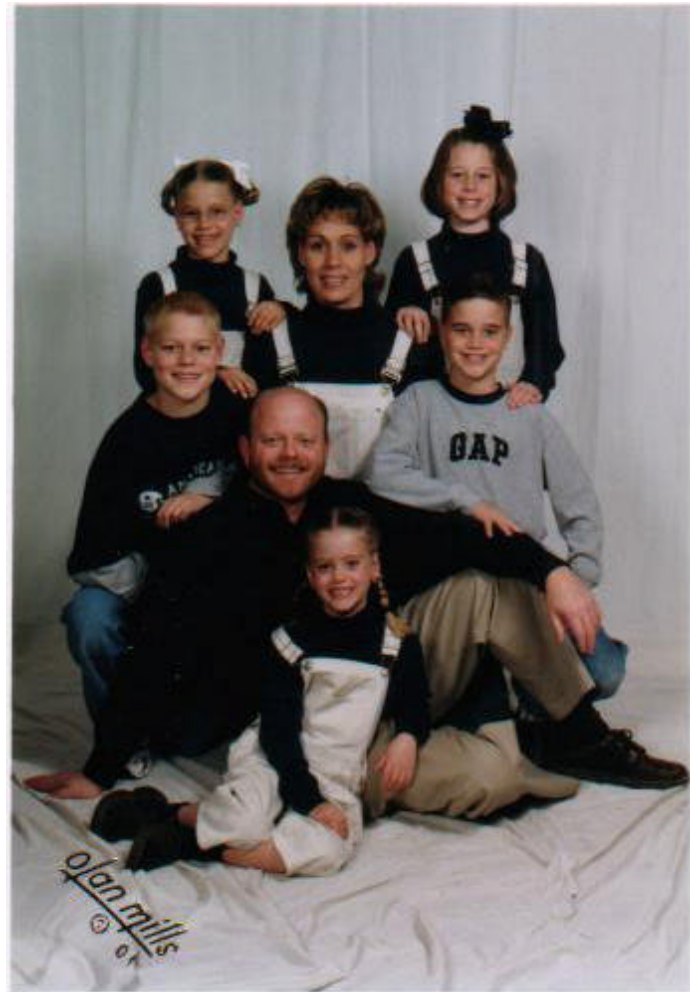
Happy New Year! Whew...2001 was a blur of school, work, church, soccer, track, basketball, dance lessons, puppy training...you get the picture!

It's hard to believe that we have been married for 18 years. Terry passed out of his 30's last year and Nancy is hot on his trail. His 40 year old body still responds to daily trips to the YMCA. He's become a frustrated mountain biker. He loves to ride but finds it difficult to find the time to go. His professional life is still focused at Lewan & Associates. Although business has been tough this past year we are very grateful. He's also been teaching at Colorado Christian University and working with a group of like-hearted men on a new start-up. Check it out at www.insidework.net.

Another highlight for Terry involved leading a group of fathers and sons through a year long journey in preparing for adolescence. Their "Adventure 2 Manhood" included climbing mountains, digging snow caves, drag races and studying biblical masculinity.

Nancy is adjusting to not having any children at home during the day. She is the glue that holds us all together as our schedule spins us apart. In August, a series of difficult symptoms culminated in the need for hysterectomy surgery. They removed her ovaries to help control PMS symptoms. At the same time a second surgeon was able to repair her bladder which had been pushed out of place during the course of delivering five babies.

The recovery process has been both challenging and a tremendous blessing. Challenging because the healing process called for six weeks of limited activity including two weeks of not driving. The challenge continues as we work through the fine-tuning process of her hormone replacement therapy. We were blessed as a host of neighbors, school families and our spiritual community gathered around us. They fed us for weeks and helped Terry especially in covering bases for the kids.



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Matthew - 13 Years - 7th Grade

Our first born is still leading the way. He has entered the wild and wonderful world of adolescence. He turned 13 in August. We have an agreement. We don't have any more experience at parenting a teenager than he does at being one. We're committed to extending grace to one another.

He is strong academically, respected by his peers and a joy to his teachers. He is competent and confident yet tender and sensitive. Don't tell anyone, he still likes to cuddle with his Mom.

Matt left the soccer field after 7 years and has picked up basketball and track. He runs like the wind. He beat Dad by two minutes in a 5k race on Thanksgiving day. Dad was so proud.

Strong character and great life-lessons were revealed when he maturely handled the news of being cut from the 7th grade basketball team even as a close friend made the team. Standing under 5 feet and weighing in at 95 pounds has its disadvantages.

In July Matt joined Dad and a friend on 14,000 ft. Mt. Lindsay. A loose boulder nearly caused our friend to fall. Matt made a potentially life saving grab that none of us will ever forget. It is a joy to watch our little boy cross over into the world of men. He is ready.



Quiet and unassuming, Jonathan is a breath of fresh air for his teachers and coaches. He excels academically and is a leader among his peers.

A naturally gifted athlete, Jonathan is center forward on a competitive soccer team and a starting point guard for the school basketball team. A gracious but fierce competitor he

smiles through slide tackles, scores, and picks alike.

Jonathan - 11 Years - 5th Grade

He and Matthew have become quite the good-looking "stud-muffins", and they are still roommates and best friends.

We haven't broken a bone yet, but we have come close with scrapes and bruises. This simple and heart-of-gold guy doesn't always engage his decision making skills at the right time. Alpine slide, bicycling, and sledding accidents are all recent events. For Jonathan the thrill of the moment often outweighs being tied down with the details of life. He will make a lucky woman an incredible husband someday.

Sarah - 9 Years - 4th Grade

The leader of our ladies, how do we describe her? Say what you think, life should be squeezed for all it has to offer, a unique blend of tough and tender would be a start. As a defender on the soccer field her tenacious pursuit includes the motto "never say die". She thrives on the challenge of competition and the attention of her fans. Her teachers love her boundless energy and infectious enthusiasm. Sarah is our most focused and disciplined student. While her will and spirit can be challenging to parent, when coached she puts her energy towards her

goals effectively. Whether it is homework, student council (surprise surprise) or choir, she loves it all and would do it all, given the chance. The only thing she might love more is the opportunity to lead. The sisters don't always appreciate it, and with Matt as our latest babysitter, she fills the role of insubordinate quite well. She is... well, Sarah!



Leah - 8 Years - 3rd Grade

More dancer than soccer player, Leah has hung up her cleats and put on ballerina slippers. She has made it clear that she is still "trying out" dancing because of her love for sports, but Dad and Mom think she's found her niche'. Our hearts skip a beat when she dances across the stage with her friends.

Another great student, Leah keeps her abilities a little more hidden and you don't realize they are there until she surprises you with results. The social butterfly that she is, shows itself in her strong friendships. Her long blond hair and innocent beauty worry her Dad at times, but it is her need for hugs

and cuddles on the couch that can worry him more. She promises to save them all up for Daddy. She is still the most affectionate of the family and although we are convinced that PMS begins this early in life, she is involved in the least amount of sibling rivalry.

One can usually be sure to find a smile on Leah's face, no matter the circumstances.

Confident and graceful, Leah is well loved by all.



Our little baby is growing up. She loves being at "all day school" like the older kids. She's post card cute and very smart. Reading way above grade level, she is in an advanced class that keeps her challenged with extra enrichment, including drama and reports. Pretty impressive for 1st grade! We are so thankful for our public elementary school. It has been a

wonderful place for all the kids! Her teacher loves to show us her daily journal. It seems as though a tape

Mary - 6 Years - 1st Grade

recorder has been going on in her mind all day and she can't wait to get information out on paper. Mary often spends hours in the playhouse of her own imagination. She loves to be on stage, is impressive at an early age in soccer coordination, and can be found singing at the top of her lungs to the bathroom mirror on regular occasion.

The most emotional of the bunch (raising women is so much fun!) we are not sure we have made it through a day since she was born without tears! Every day is roller coast ride of laughter and tears. We all use her pouting "lip" to turn Dad's "no" into "yes". Mary is princess in this castle.

Sampson - 1 Year

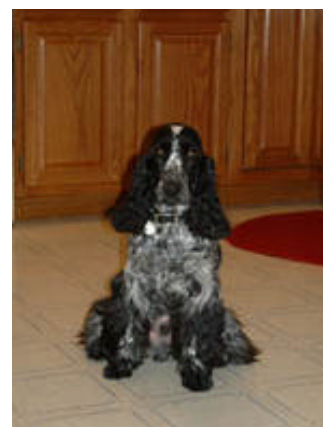
A dog? Yes a dog. After years of putting off the inevitable Dad finally gave in. Sampson is an English Cocker Spaniel. He joined Team Anderson at Christmas 2000. His first year has been all puppy. House training, obedience school and finding his place in the family pecking order. He's figured out that Dad is the alpha male and works hard to please him.

He has Mom's mercy pegged and has

wiggled his way into her heart and most evenings on to her lap.

He has added a layer of noise, activity and complexity to our life. Several weeks ago Sampson ate the head off a razor and the blade became lodged in his stomach. We realized how special he has become as we weighed the options before us. It was an easy but expensive decision.

He brings entertainment, laughter and joy. He is more than man's best friend. We all love him.



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Our new year plans include some great adventures. Five families with children the same age range as ours, have promised to walk through life together. We have 19 children between us. It has been years since we have experienced this type of intentional involvement with other couples. We are exploring a number of challenges together including the mystery of adolescence.

We have plans to take a road trip to Yellowstone in June. We are laughing already as we imagine what a gas stop will look with 29 people in 5 minivans.

So much has happened in our family and our nation. Team Anderson now includes a dog, a teenager, and a 40 something. All firsts for us. Our nation is living on the other side of September 11, 2001. Our safety and our economy are more fragile than we believed. Our families are more precious than we recognized. Peace is more fleeting than ever. May God bless you all as you live out another year.

Seeking Joy in the Moments,

Terry and Nancy for all eight of us



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