

the RUSSELL family

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE... WE WILL SERVE THE LORD!...



Just in case you are questioning who is who.

Donkey Ball

I think perhaps Jonny meet his match when it comes to being stubborn. Of course, he had to go to the animal kingdom and find not just a donkey, but a very stubborn donkey.



✧ April Fools ✧

Sometimes it is hard to tell who is the fool, who looks foolish and who is doing the fooling.

“Riding a donkey is like trying to get Stephen to eat with his mouth closed. Not to easy, but I enjoyed it a lot even though it hurt my bum a bit. I did have the most stubborn donkey of them all to ride and got tackled by a huge man, but it was great! I will do it again next year!”

proclaimed Jonny the day after playing **Donkey Basketball** with a friend, Chance Terry and three men

from our church: Todd Huse, Andy Littrell and Jay Sorah. Jonny was the youngest... human player on the court. But he was also one of the most spirited.

When he could get his donkey to agree, Jonny stole the ball several times and in one instance he even put his life on the line as a teacher tackled

him for the ball. It was a fun evening filled with lots of laughs as we watched the donkeys play





Sarah Beth's Better Bread

All breads are made with freshly milled grains. Grains are live food. If planted they would sprout. Grains used within 3 hours of milling retain the highest level of

vitamins and you get the benefits of the oxidation. All breads are sweetened with honey, not sugar. Although with the cinnamon rolls, sugar is used in the filling

unless a different sweetener is requested. Calcium, iron, magnesium, potassium, B-1, B-2, Niacin, B-6, folic acid, and vitamin E are just some of the

vitamins and minerals found in whole wheat. **Best thing about whole wheat breads are they are delicious.**



Whole Wheat

Fresh milled home made whole wheat bread contains 26 vitamins and minerals. It is an excellent source of Vitamin E and several of the B vitamins.

Ezekiel Bread

Ezekiel bread is often called fasting bread. It is based off the ingredients given in Ezekiel 4:9 "Take wheat and barley, beans and lentils, millet and spelt; put them in a storage jar and use them to make bread for yourself. ..." It has a complete protein and is loaded with vitamins and minerals.

Pregnancy Bread

"Pregnancy Bread" Is not just for the pregnant. It is very high in iron and has extra calcium and omega 3.



Specialty Breads

Cinnamon rolls, cheese garlic rolls, braided loaves, pizza crust, tortillas, loaves and dinner rolls all made with different whole wheats.





Starting up a Bread Business

Sarah has decided to try to start up a small bread making business. She has been learning how to make the bread working with her mother and now she has mastered making it by herself. She is learning that cleaning up is also part of the bread making process and has to be completed before she can say the job is done. Perhaps for English I will have her make a flyer to sell her bread or write up the process of making the bread. In the bread making process and dealing with the whole grains there has been a good amount of science.

What's Math Got to Do With It?



She had quite a lengthy math lesson as she figured out the cost for production of a loaf of bread. She had to first figure out the cost of the wheat berries per $\frac{2}{3}$ cup so she could figure out the cost of flour per cup. Then figure out how much flour is used in a batch of bread and multiply that times the cost per cup. She then had to figure out the cost of the honey per the amount used for each batch and she did this for each ingredient... safflower oil, dough enhancer, yeast, gluten, soy graduals, sea salt and then she had to

figure out how much bread each batch made to figure out the cost for each loaf.

It's Not Over Yet

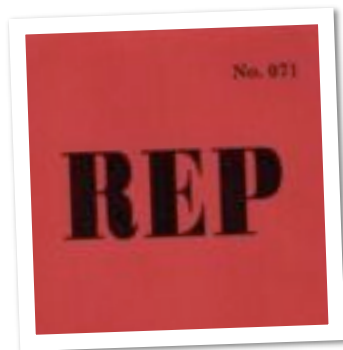
Then she had to find out what others were charging for a loaf of whole grain bread so her price would be marketable. Then she had to decide what her time was worth to finally come up with a price for the bread. She is still figuring out how much to charge for cinnamon rolls and cheese garlic rolls. And also how to package them inexpensively for delivery to the customer.





Every Vote Counts

You are wrong if you do not vote. You are to render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's. Our Caesar [in the United States] is a government of the people by the people for the people. One vote may make the difference. ONE VOTE made Oliver Cromwell Lord Protector of the Commonwealth and gave him control of England. (1645) ONE VOTE caused Charles I to be executed. (1649) ONE VOTE kept Aaron Burr--later charged with treason--from becoming President. (1800) ONE VOTE elected Marcus Morton governor of Massachusetts. (1839) ONE VOTE made Texas part of the United States. (1845) ONE VOTE saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment. (1868) ONE VOTE changed France from a monarchy to a republic. (1875) ONE VOTE admitted California, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho into the Union. (1850, 1850, 1889, 1890) ONE VOTE elected Rutherford B. Hayes to the Presidency, and the man in the Electoral College who cast that vote was an Indiana Representative also elected by ONE VOTE. (1876) ONE VOTE made Adolf Hitler head of the Nazi Party. (1923) ONE VOTE maintained the Selective Service System only 12 weeks before Pearl Harbor. (1941) ONE VOTE per precinct would have elected Richard Nixon, rather than John Kennedy, President. (1960) I'm only one but I am one. I can't do everything but I can do something and what I can do I ought to do and that by the grace of God I will do.



Joshua's First Time to Vote

Joshua did not get to vote in the primary because it was March 8th and he didn't turn 18 until the 29. So when there was a run off for County Commissioner on April 8th, he jumped at the opportunity to put in his vote.

I won't tell you who he voted for, he's all for privacy and all that, but he was very excited to get to vote and looks forward to November when he gets to vote on a full ticket of offices. He is very politically minded. He enjoys studying up on the candidates and researching what they believe and figuring out who the best one to vote for would be. He is bummed that he will be working at camp this summer and will not get to go the Republican State Convention with us in Houston in June. He has plans to do a grass roots voters guide for the local offices the next time there is a big race.





Belated Birthday Gift Brings Big Smiles

We got Joshua a new piano keyboard for his birthday, as his old one broke. He 'needed' a new one, it was driving him crazy not to get to play for hours each day. He would come down and play the piano in the living room a couple of times daily, but he didn't want to play too much and bother people. I assure him it would not bother anyone unless a baby was trying to sleep.

Research Pays Off

He researched the web and sought advice from Pastor Vince as to what keyboard to purchase. Then he went online and found the very best price and then we went to Guitar Center where they do price matching and they matched the lowest price and we ordered the piano. It was hard for him to wait the 4 days until it was delivered. But once it came, he filled the house with music and smiles.... mostly his!

Pizza and Puppets

We had a birthday celebration at church before puppets. All the kids on the team came and we had pizza, brownies and cookies. They all signed a large poster for him and a t-shirt for him so that he can wear it this summer while he is working at Crossview Camp.





The Continuing Saga of the Bread Business

April 9th, 2008

Sarah sold her first loaf of bread for \$5.00 to Christie Horton. Christie wants one loaf of bread each Monday night. Unless she decides she likes it too much and wants to get more. She sent an email telling Sarah “It tastes great and Tyler loves it too!!!”

More and More Math



One of Sarah’s potential customers wanted to know the nutritional information on the bread. So, that meant more math! A lot more math! After a couple of hours of figuring we did come up with our best estimate of the nutritional values for the Whole Wheat Bread. Joshua is now working on a graphic that looks like the regular nutritional value charts on foods for Sarah’s bread. I think Sarah is seeing the great importance of math in life.

The Real Salesman

Sunday, Sarah was sick with a cold and stayed home from church, but Jordan took Sarah’s bread order forms with her and she sold four bread products: one frozen loaf whole wheat, one frozen Ezekiel, and two frozen cinnamon rolls. She said that she gave forms to two other people and they will give her orders on Wednesday, now she is eager for Wednesday so she can get more orders. Sarah has decided to pay Jordan a commission on the bread she sales. Sarah said she wants to make it, but not sell it.





Frogs

Stephen and Hannah went frog hunting. They caught 5 frogs and put them in a big 10 gallon bucket. Hannah came in asking for a sippy cup, then she came back asking for a baby bottle. I thought, ok, what is going on. So I watched out the window. Stephen was trying to give the frog a drink with the cup and

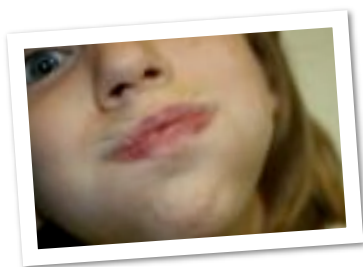
Hannah took out the bottle and gave it a try. They gave up on that and filled some little bowls with water. After much determination they gave up on offering them a drink like people and just put some water in the bucket. They then played for a while and I went about my business. I later looked out the front window

and they were by the front trees. Stephen was putting a frog on a limb of the tree. I ran out and told him that they would hurt themselves if they fell out of the tree. He said, but I thought maybe there were tree frogs and just didn't know it because they had never seen a tree. I explained to him that if they were tree frogs God

would have had them born by trees. He seemed to accept that and then he looked up at me smiling and said... well three of them went down in that hole (a hole near a big root) and I can't reach them.... so I guess God will turn them into tree frogs now. I had to smile with him. I love my Stephen, he makes me smile!

Crafty

Stephen enjoying some crafts in his Pioneer class



Jordan

Being a little goofy with a mouth full of drink in Pioneer class.



Friends

Jordan with a few of her friends in class. Christna, Emma, Allie and James.



Daniel enjoying a ride on the vacuum cleaner.



Baseball

The kids: Joshua, Jonny, Sarah, Jordan and Stephen are playing baseball with our homeschool group: EMACHE. It is pretty informal, but they are having a great time. Jonny of course takes it all very seriously, he is very competitive but also is a good sport. He is really a very good baseball player. Sarah plays for the fellowship, Jordan plays for the friends and Stephen plays in the dirt.



LITTLE HELPER

Stephen and a few friends cleaning the doors at church.

STILL CURLY

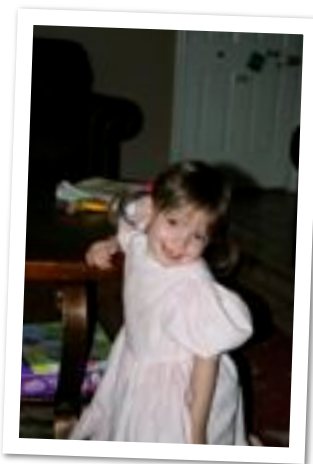
Daniel's hair is still very curly when it is wet, but straight as a board when it is dry.

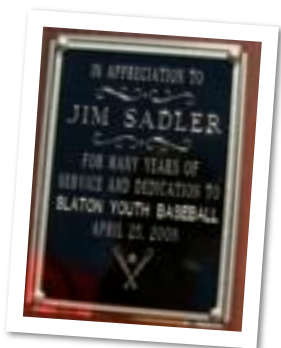


Hannah loves being a princess. She loves to pose for the camera and she is cute as a button. She will tell you, even if you are a stranger that she has beautiful big brown eyes.

PRINCESS

Darrel pretends to lay on Hannah and calls her a Hannah pillow and she says; No daddy, I'm a Hannah people and I am a Hannah Princess, but I am not a Hannah pillow. They could play this game for hours with lots and lots of giggling. 'I'm a Hannah People, Daddy!'





50 Years Helping Youth Baseball

Daddy (Jim Sadler) was honored on April 25th at the opening ceremonies for Slaton Texas' Youth baseball league for his 50 years of helping with youth baseball and over 40 of those being in Slaton. The following was read at the ceremony to honor Daddy as he with his family joining him on the mound of the youth field.

Jim Sadler has been involved in Youth League Baseball for fifty-years. He coached his first team in Chula Vista, California. The year was 1958. It would be almost a decade before any of his own children would be old enough to play, but Jim's deep love for the sport, dating back to his own days as a left-fielder on his 7th Grade team in



Stonewall, Oklahoma, drew him to the field.

Jim and Paula Sadler moved to Slaton in 1962, and just two years later, their oldest boy, Richard, then 7 years old, took the field. His dad did too.

Jim coached his first team as a Slatonite that year, and began what is now over forty years of service to the youth of our community. Richard went on to be an all-star player for the Trainmen. Jim continued coach teams for his younger kids, James and David Lynn. When they got older, Jim decided it was time for him to move up too, and started coaching for the Lion's Club. Dozens of young Slatonites played for him. Tim Born, Steve Woods, Loren Roberts, Mike Kenny... The list is too long to recite.

As Jim likes to say, he had a whole bunch of good kids, and one or two rascals.

After his own boys were too old to play or had moved on to swing for the Babe Ruth teams, Jim started to call games, and here he found his true love. For almost thirteen years he was an umpire, and ultimately head umpire for Slaton. He would go into work early so that he could rush home and call a double-header, something



he is quick to say would not have been possible without the hard work and patience of his wife, Paula.

Jim called literally hundreds of games, but he was more than just an official, as one of the players that took the plate in front of him recently recalled. Steve Johnston remembers walking nervously up to bat after a season that hadn't gone his way. When he stepped into the batters box, anticipating another strike-out, Jim walked up behind him and gave him a word of encouragement. "Steve," Jim said, "Just think of that as *your* ball." From that moment on, Steve was a hitter. And that's the kind of umpire Jim was. He always remembered that the sport was about the kids, not the adults, although he believes that he got more out of it than he gave. Even when it came to his own boys, Jim was more interested in what was right than what he might have wanted. When his son Michael, another Slaton All-Star, stepped up to the plate in front of him after a perfect season, Jim called that third strike that shattered his record. It pained him to do it, but Jim couldn't abide being unfair.

When Jim's youngest son, John Mark, first entered Slaton T-Ball, his dad had mostly retired from calling games, but Jim's oldest daughter, Loy, had caught her daddy's bug. While Loy coached John Mark, and her own son, Jeremy, Jim coached Loy, and the entire family got involved again. James and Michael pitched in to work with the kids, Jim's youngest daughter, LeAnn, a former member of the Babe Ruth Court, stepped back into the box as a scorekeeper, a job she had performed even back when her big brother David had played, and Paula began sponsoring teams, first for Caprock Marble and Granite, and then as the newly formed Sadler Monument Works. For almost half a century, Jim Sadler's name has been synonymous with Slaton Youth Baseball. Many of his grandchildren, Jennifer, Dustin, Chris, Steven, William, Josh, Matt, Taylor, and Natalie have played, as has his great-granddaughter, Mackinzie. Loy has gone on to coach nearly a dozen teams, and like her father, has become an umpire and an announcer for over twenty years as well. James was a Slaton coach, so was David Lynn. Michael was a Slaton umpire. John Mark and his wife Nicole are Slaton coaches, Jim's granddaughter Jennifer is a Slaton coach, and the forth generation of Sadler involvement in Slaton Youth Baseball is well underway. Whether a player or a coach, behind the plate or in the press box, sponsoring a team, or just watching his family play, Jim Sadler has loved every minute. On a personal note, Jim would like to thank his family, the league, and the community of Slaton for this honor, and he promises to get even with everyone who had a hand in it..."

There to honor him on the mound and present him with a plaque were his wife, all seven of their children, son and daughter-in-laws, 15 grandchildren (and some spouses) and 5 great grandchildren. We were all so very proud of our daddy, papa and grand papa. He also threw a mean first pitch to open the season, I could hear the wind swish as he threw the ball to home plate. It was a great day to honor a great man.



Sadler Family

We had a nice day with the Sadlers. First the shower, then the honoring of daddy at the baseball park, then to the park for fellowship, then to Nana's house for fellowship, then back to the ball park for a game and then to Nana's for dinner. We all got a little too much sun, and sadly some sun burns. But we all enjoyed the fellowship and catching up on each other's families. (Pictures above from left to right: Sadler gang at the park, Maddison (Dustin and Amanda's little girl, Dustin is James' son), Amanda and her son, Grant (Amanda is James' step daughter), Daniel getting a better look at Grant in the stroller with Halston looking on. (Halston is April's daughter and April is James' step daughter.)



From left to right: John Mark, Michael, LeAnn, David, Loy, James, Richard, Paula and Jim. We tell him he is the one who started all this. It's all his fault.

Sadler Seven

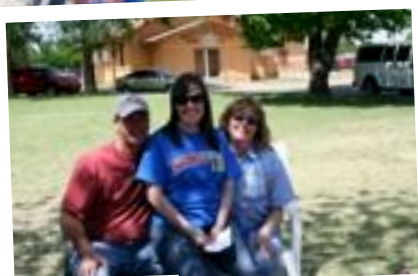
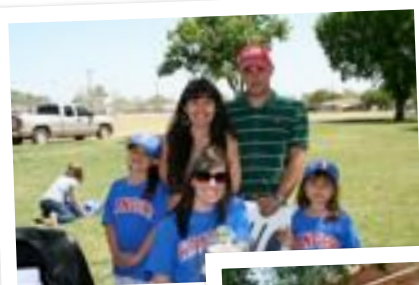
These are the original 7 children of Jim and Paula with mom and dad. To the left we are in order of age, from youngest to oldest. The brother's joked John Mark saying he could not stand so close to us, but had to put a few years worth of distance between him and Michael.

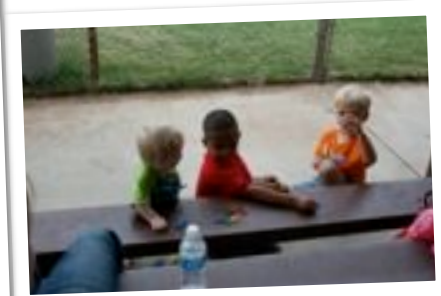
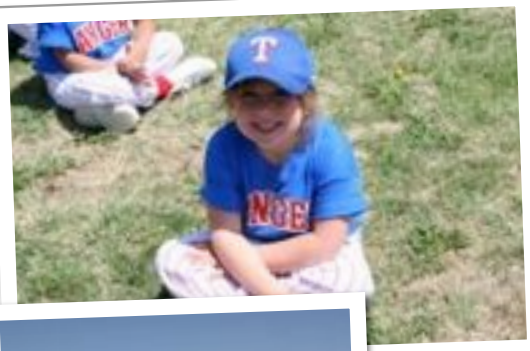
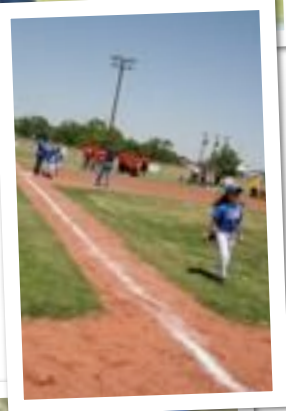




Jennifer's Family Wedding Shower

Jennifer (Loy's daughter) is getting married May 25th on a beach in California. Most of will not be able to go, but we wanted to bless her, her fiance and her daughter MacKinzie with a Shower for their new home. It was wonderful, she got all the basics and a few pretties to go along with them. Pots, pans, baking dishes, utencils, knives, cake dish, food processor, etc. Steven her fiance was working and not able to be there. But I am sure he was blessed when he saw her gifts. Her brother, Jeremy flew down from California to be there. Sadly he had to leave before the thing to honor daddy.







Swearing in of Precinct Chairmen

Monday night in the 3rd floor courtroom at the Weatherford County Courthouse, Darrel Russell, Todd Huse and John Moffett were each sworn in as precinct chairman of their respective precincts. The only thing they had a little problem with was remembering the pledge to the Texas Flag. It is not hard, just different.



Pledge to Texas Flag

The pledge of allegiance to the Texas state flag is

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

According to The Handbook of Texas Online, "In 1933 the legislature passed a law establishing rules for the proper display of the flag and providing for a pledge to the flag: "Honor the Texas Flag of 1836; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible." The pledge

erroneously referred to the 1836 national flag, known as David G. Burnet's flag, instead of the Lone Star Flag. Senator Searcy Bracewell introduced a bill to correct this error in 1951, but the legislature did not delete the words "of 1836" until 1965."

The pledge was again amended by House Bill 1034 during the 80th Legislature with the addition of "one state under God." The revised wording became effective on June 15, 2007.





For those of you who are hearing this for the first time I will give a summary. Jon and I have been believing for a new baby for sometime, God surprised us the last time with two just 11 months apart. I have long believed that God could provide us with a baby without my assistance. About 3 months ago I received a phone call from my mother who said her pastor had just got a call from a grandmother in Alabama that was looking for a home for her granddaughter. The birth mother has some health issues that keep her from caring full time for the baby. They had started with adoption agencies but decided that they were nothing more than a retail market to sell babies. When she called Bro. Paul, he quickly replied that he had a couple in his church that had a daughter and son in law in Texas that had adopted and wanted to do so again. When I called we learned that the baby was not a newborn but the grandparents were feeling a huge burden to make sure they placed her in the right home,

they were waiting to hear from God. I spent many hours on the phone with the grandmother over the next month or so all of this during the time Pastor and Fondée were in Ecuador

About 3 weeks ago we received a call from the grandmother, we knew that they were looking at other families as well but did not really know how many, as it turns out there were 10 plus on the final list. She wanted me to know that we were in the top 3 and that although they chose another family she wanted me to know that she listen to me and my children all of those hours we were on the phone and that I should

know of everyone she talked to I was the best mom, I was a little puzzled but also knew that they had chosen a family that did not and could not have any children of their own and had twice been promised children that later fell through.

During that conversation I mentioned that I was going to be in Nashville visiting my parents and she asked if I would meet her, even though I wasn't chosen she would love to be friends. I called her on Friday (from here in Tennessee) and made arrangements to meet while she was in Tennessee over the weekend. I told her that it was my hearts desire for my children and myself to lay hands on that baby and pray for her. she cried and was very touched.





So we met her and the most beautiful baby Amanda on Sunday afternoon we spent a wonderful 3 hours with Grandma and baby, we had the honor to pray over her and love on her. it was wonderful and I was thanking God all the way home for giving us such an amazing opportunity.

Yesterday morning I received a call from the grandmother who said " would you and Jon give our the honor of being Amanda's mom and dad?" We are in such awww of what an awesome God we serve. I need to mention that my husband never wavered he KNEW she was our baby he was not distracted at all by the phone call that said that we were NOT chosen. so I may be gone for little while longer but thanks to a mighty mighty God and a husband who never quit believing that she was ours we will add

Amanda Joy to our family soon! We have MUCH legal stuff to do but she is ours in our hearts and the kids and I will get to start spending our days with her tomorrow.



God is the perfect orchestrator he has plans that we could never imagine. God allowed this family to see me with my children pray for this baby with nothing to gain, I did not know this on Sunday but the birth family knew that the other family had fallen through.

There are so many miracles in this story I can not even begin to tell you all of them in an email. The Grandparents and the mother as well are resting in the peace

of our mighty Lord, they asked me to relay to all of you that they never thought they would be able to to have this much peace.

Please pray that the legal stuff is done quickly and cost efficiently although I told Jon if God can give me a baby from Alabama via Tennessee surly he can pay for it as well :)

Written by Amy Moffett

