



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Hoff's! I am now officially a teenager, I'm 13 years old, in my last year of middle school in 8th grade. My sister Taylor is 11 years old, and in 6th grade. Madison, is now 8 years old and in 3rd grade. Hoover our dog is 4 years old and loves his neighbor dogs and waiting for the kids to come off of the bus every day and greet them!

I'm still playing trumpet in the school concert, jazz and basketball bands. I am on the Lego Robotics Team, and this year am an 8th Grade Representative on the Student Council. I'm still in Boy Scouts working on my ranks and merit badges. I went to church camp this summer and also went to Marvell, Arkansas on my 2nd mission trip with our church youth group. Taylor is still dancing, and is enjoying her 2nd year as a company dancer in ballet, tap, jazz & tumbling. She loves to sing and is also playing trumpet. Mom and Dad have us practicing duets at home! She is now a Cadette in Girls Scouts and Mom is her troop leader. Madison played basketball for our church league and will play again starting in January. She is a Brownie Girl Scout. She is also a great dancer and enjoys ballet, tap, jazz, tumbling and hip hop. Mom is teaching her piano and she is anxious to play trumpet like Taylor and me. She has her lower braces and will get the top ones in January, so we will see how well she can play after that!



Dad is still enjoying work at Lennox and has traveled to many places this year including France, Italy and China. He continues to play trumpet with the Gwinnett Community Band, Capitol City Xpress, and at church. Mom took a trip to Las Vegas in March with her friend Joan and they enjoyed lots of shows. She is still active in music with the church, singing solos with the praise team and church choir. She led a children's choir this fall and they recorded a Christmas CD with the adult choir. My sisters and I all sang on the CD. Mom is still running her website business and doing more photography work.



Grandpa Bob and Grandma Cheryl Hoff came to visit us in the spring. Mom enjoyed having her Mom and Dad visit for a week at the end of May. It was great to have them all here, showing them all around Georgia. We discovered that one of Grandma Hively's cousins lives only 15 minutes from us! We went out to dinner with them! Mom is excited to have family here in GA! We enjoyed having our friends the Broemsen's & the Stephen's come to GA instead of meeting at the beach this year. After touring Atlanta, we all rented a cabin in Gatlinburg, TN, and Dad taught us all how to ride go-carts for the first time (even Mom). We went to Dollywood and I surprised Mom by riding all of the rollercoasters and scary rides without her. Our Hoff cousins came to see us in GA - but the first one to get here was the newest Hoff cousin, baby Philip, Uncle Aaron & Aunt Brooke's baby. We loved meeting and getting to play with him. Our Hoff cousins from Ohio came to visit too, so it was the first time all 7 of us were together. Baby Philip and his Mom and Dad (Uncle Aaron, Dad's youngest brother) have just moved to Kuwait with the Navy, so please keep them in your prayers as they settle their new family there.



We went to Ohio in October for my Dad's college Homecoming weekend where he played his trumpet in the Alumni Marching Band in U of Akron's new football stadium! They lost to my Mom's college, Ohio University. We took Grandpa & Grandma Hively to the game in the 40 degree weather (brrr). The night before we had dinner with Grandpa Bob & Grandma Cheryl at Bob Evans, (of course!). On Sunday, we had a big party for Grandpa & Grandma Hively's 60th Wedding Anniversary! We flew back to GA the next day.



Christmas Eve we will be in Georgia - Dad's playing trumpet outside as people come to the services and Mom & Taylor are singing a duet. Then we plan to drive to Ohio to see family and friends, leaving the day after Christmas. If you are ever in the area, call and come visit, please! Have a wonderful and blessed 2010!



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Lots of Love, Carter
(& Todd, Carla, Taylor, Madison & Hoover the Dog)

Luke 2:14 Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

