



REPORTING THE NEWS WHEN IT HAPPENS, WHERE IT HAPPENS

Lafayette Lagniappe

Welcome Palmer Joseph

Julie and Trevor welcomed their third son, Palmer, in October. His big brother's first words to him were, "Oh, I love him!" As an infant, he is able to hold his head up earlier than most. He will carry on a baby conversation with an adult; as we continue to talk to him, eye-to-eye, he will continue to answer with his baby chatter. No doubt big things are expected from this tiny tot.

The cover photo above was taken in November when we were able to get all seven grandchildren together in one photo. God has certainly blessed us with abundant joy. From left to right, Zoë, 10, Lily, 12, Natalie, 2, Autumn, 4, Palmer, 2 months here, Emmitt, 5, Meyer, 3.

We realize that this edition of Lafayette Lagniappe is reaching you a bit late. I want to thank everyone who let us know you missed reading about the Comeaux family adventures. Your encouragement is what made this edition happen.

Phyllis attended her December women's retreat at St. Joseph's Abbey and retreat center in Covington, LA. John was finally able to go to a Jesuit retreat in Manresa, LA, which is highly thought of and difficult to secure a spot. The grounds are beautiful, and the history of the place is very interesting. It was a school for the children of plantation owners, who were tired of sending their kids to Europe for an education.

Zella's five children, DianaLee, Pat, Richard, Regina, and John, were able to get together at Don's for a lunchtime meal while Pat was in town from North Carolina. A photo is included later in this newsletter.

Our 2nd book in the Troll Series by JP Coman (John & Phyllis) was released on March 14: "Winnie and the Trouble with Trolls." Look for it



Mimi holding Palmer



PawPaw and Palmer

on Amazon. The 3rd book is in the capable hands of our editor, Dawn. Mailys has agreed to illustrate the next book also. We hope to get it out in 2024. In it, Winnie has adventures in New Orleans. In the meantime, be sure you have both Volumes 1 and 2 of the Troll Series. As a bonus, we've written a short story addition to Volume 1 and called it "Moonstone Mishaps." We are giving it to anyone purchasing Volume 1. When we get to the 2nd printing of Volume 1, it will be included in the book.

We visited Tony in Memphis, and Faye and Beverly were also along for the fun. A visit to the Bass Pro Shop pyramid was one of the stops, with a nice



Tony, Chris G, and John

vista of the Mighty Mississippi river. Faye, along with Beverly, Phyllis, and the neighbor, gave Tony a surprise birthday party since he doesn't get to be among family during his actual birthday. Among the sights, we visited the legendary Sun Studio where Elvis got his start. We even had an Elvis impersonator among the visitors that day, which made it fun. Tony's neighbor Chris G showed us his collection of guitars, and we had a little jam session. Later, Tony was in a jam himself with some medical issues, and thank God for Chris being able to stay with him and help out.

After our visit, Phyllis and John went to Hot Springs National Park for a mini-vacation. The row of Bath houses that took advantage of the hot springs were impressive. And Phyllis got to do a little fishing on our last day before leaving for home. More on this visit later in the newsletter.

We continue to enjoy the Acadian Symphony Orchestra with Bud and Cathy, and were happy to include Emmitt again this year for the Christmas concert. Sometimes the concerts are held in St. John's Cathedral for a special event.

In a trip to Houston, we enjoyed seeing Francine and played Sweep with Faye, Jeff, and her. We also dined at a pretty fancy (but noisy) restaurant, Zanti. We enjoyed the Scott family, and did some funny skits with Lily and Zoë. John and Zoë visited the Museum of Illusions, where John was able to float in space, kind of. (The picture makes it clear.)

We continue to make Maque Choux each year from the delicious harvest of fresh corn.

We were able to visit with Pauline who came to Cocomeaux for an overnight. We try to get to our lake house more often, but as you can see, we have a busy life.



Autumn says, "What are you waiting for? Buy it."



Emmitt says "Merry Christmas"



Museum of Illusions