# THE MORELAND TIMES 2006

## **Easter Reunion**

Monty's family met in Pensacola, Florida and his Aunt Iris and Uncle Bob graciously let all of us stay in their home while they camped in their travel trailer in their back yard. We had an awesome time playing games, going to the beach and many late night visits.

### Photography By: Kendall

Hello everybody I have started sports action photography and sold maybe over 20 photos. I have been going with my dad to high school football games to take photos. I have had about 2 or 3 close calls one almost hit me in the head with a football going about 20 to 25 mph! and another one a guy was running and almost hit me it was crazy. And one of my photos was in the news paper of Opp (that is somewhere I think in Florida maybe Alabama) it was cool.

## Camping By: Kendall

Hello again, yes I went on another camping trip for my 12<sup>th</sup> birthday it was fun. We borrowed a boat from my dad's friend (again) and we left the next day. This time we stayed 3 days and 2 nights. It was sooo much fun we went on a hiking trail and we went on the hard trail it was fun to and I saw armadillo and some deer! We bought a camp stove at - well I forgot where we bought it but we had potatoes and eggs it was good. We went in the boat and we found out that the boat was about 10 times faster than last year (hahaha) we where holding on to everything in the boat it was fun!. We found a island well it was like a little lake island and you could camp there it was soo cool. We fished like all day and we caught nothing.

## The Fair By Abby

I made a rag doll for the fair. I got a first place ribbon. I also knitted a dish rag and weaved a pot holder. I got first place ribbons on those too. I drew a flower and got an honorable mention ribbon on that.

#### Abby By Abby

I am in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 9 years old. I like American girl, build-a-bear, gymnastics, books and other things. My favorite thing in gymnastics is beam. I do a lot of things on beam, like: turns, hops, scales (it's where you stand on one foot and lift your leg up real high). I also do a lot of hand stands and cartwheels on the beam and I am learning my beam routine. I love art! I want to be an Artist when I grow up.

#### Sad Goodbyes!

We lost two very special people this year; Monty's Aunt Lois Tapp from Alaska and Mari Beth's stepfather, Murray Murphey. They will be greatly missed!

## **Holiday Happenings**

We spent Thanksgiving with Mari Beth's family in Montgomery and Monty's brother and his family will be spending a few days with us for Christmas. We are planning to spend about 10 days in New Mexico Dec 31 and following with Monty's parents and his little sister Malisa and her husband Paul. We hope to have some fun playing in the snow!

## **Extended Family News**

Mari Beth's nephew, Jordan, is fighting for our country in Iraq. We are so proud of him! His brother, Morgan, now lives in Memphis and we are glad he lives closer. MB's other nephew, Chandler, was married to Mally Bruce and we are thrilled to have her in our family. Monty's sister, Monica, is now serving at a church in Los Angeles and we are happy for her as she begins this new journey.

## Moreland Family Photography – year 2.

Our small business is slowly growing. We are focusing on quality and improving skill in portrait photography and sports action photography. God has been gracious to provide opportunities such as team portrait shoots for two youth baseball leagues and several others here in town. This has provided opportunities for our family to work together to learn and grow in many ways. Kendall has been taking football pictures with Monty. Everyone joins in on the team portrait shoots. www.montpics.com



Family Portrait by Mattie Grace Moreland (Why does Daddy always have such sharp teeth? At least I have a body this year.)

### What is Mari Beth doing in her spare time?

Mari Beth continues to enjoy home schooling and recently became a student herself again while taking a photography class online. She loves her Precept Bible study (taught by her sister, Melinda) and is studying Revelation. What an awesome study!

#### Out of the Blue

Monty will complete his 7<sup>th</sup> year at Colonial Bank in February. He continues to work in Information Technology and is now designing computer systems for things like the sales platform (new accounts) and many others.

# THE GREATEST NEWS

by Jesus

Look at me. I stand at the door. I knock. If you hear me call and open the door, I'll come right in and sit down to supper with you. Conquerors will sit alongside me at the head table, just as I, having conquered, took the place of honor at the side of my Father. That's my gift to the conquerors! Revelation 3:20-21

# Keep In Touch!!!!!

Once again we are reminded of how blessed we are to have so many wonderful friends and family. We treasure all the memories we have made throughout the years and give God ALL the Glory!

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