

## The Riedy Reader

**October 2018**



We love to recall the time that we told our girls about our plan to join FamilyLife. Amanda was three at the time, so really didn't understand what was happening. Brenna, five, and Charissa, eight, both surprised and encouraged us with their reactions. Brenna immediately ran upstairs to her room. Knowing she was the child who did not like change, we assumed she was up there crying. Imagine our surprise when she returned a few minutes later with her Winne-the-Pooh suitcase thumping down the stairs behind her! With a few pairs of underwear, a pile of books, and her teddy bear she was ready to go!

With Charissa, I clearly remember her looking up at us with a big smile and asking, "Does that mean we get to be fridge people?" Yes, she said 'fridge people'...It took us a minute to understand what she was talking about as well. Looking at our refrigerator at the time we realized that she was referring to the collection of photo prayer cards that were held up by magnets to remind us to pray for missionaries in our lives. Maybe in her young mind these 'fridge people' were sort of famous, and she liked that idea. Though, she did know as well how much we prayed for and cared about the people in those photos. "Yes," we told her, "we are going to be 'fridge people' and we pray that folks all over the country will put us on their refrigerators, in their prayer journals, or as book marks in their Bibles—wherever helps them remember to pray for us."

We have sent out ten family photo prayer cards already, soon we will be preparing our eleventh! We consider ourselves blessed to send that card to over 25 states, along with a few military APO boxes. As we serve here at FamilyLife, our family is under the strain of ministry travel, living on financial support, living far from family, and raising three growing girls. The prayers and care we receive by being one of your 'fridge people' is SO important to us! And we keep the pictures you send to us at Christmas as reminders to pray for you, as well.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father ...,that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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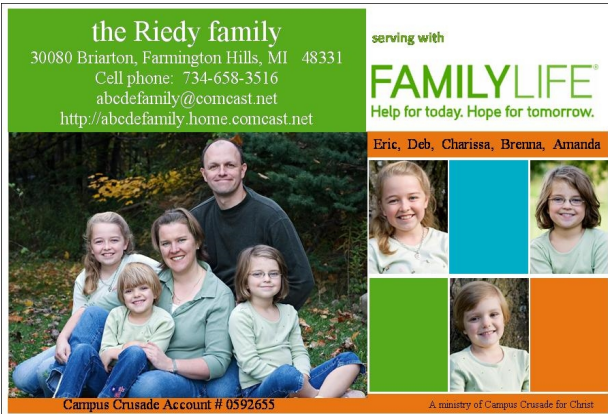
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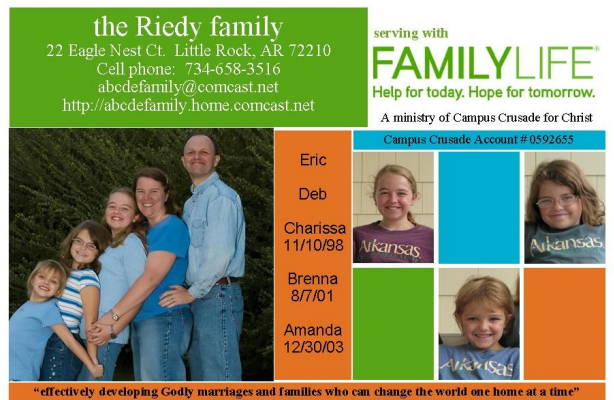
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**SMARTPHONE**  
4 Important Conversations

I know we introduced you to Axis and their Culture Translator emails back in July, but I just HAD to share again! We are excited that they have partnered with us to present a free online video series about smartphones. "When should I get my kid a phone? If at all?" "What do I do if they already have one and it's out of control?" These are the kinds of questions that we, as parents of teens, have had to deal with. Friends with younger kids are having to answer these kinds of questions earlier and earlier—did you know that the average age that children are getting their **first smartphone is down to 10 years old!** Axis and FamilyLife will help answer those questions from a Biblical perspective.

Watch these videos at <http://bitly.com/2E6dQOL>



Our first card in 2008-Our girls look SO young!-phew it was hard to capture Amanda and keep her still!



This pic was literally taken on the road while moving to Little Rock in '09 - we stopped in TN-thanks Joan!



2010 was our first full year in Little Rock-we borrowed All this Razorback gear- still PSU fans after all!



2011 our girls start designing the pics-They wanted bare feet-Eric is not really a barefoot kinda guy but...

We thought you might enjoy a short trip down memory lane to get a bit of the 'behind the scenes' of some of those early fridge pics! Thanks again for keeping us in your prayers, and on your refrigerators!

In Him, *Eric & Deb*

**Tear & Prayer**



**Pray** for great response from this Oct. 10-15 donor event as we challenge these folks to consider support for FamilyLife & for the girls staying in AR.  
**Pray** for Brenna & Amanda as they head to their first speech & debate tournament of the season Nov. 8-10 in Siloam Springs AR  
**Pray** for the sale of Eric's folks house & for them to find a good living situation  
**Pray** for FamilyLife Today radio-Dennis is phasing out soon and changes will be coming—possibly even reformatting the broadcast altogether  
**Praise** Charissa has had no further teeth trouble  
**Praise** for the growing number of church leaders registered for the Summit on Stepfamily Ministry here in Little Rock, October 24-25