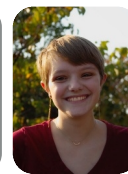


# The Riedy Reader

## September 2018



Ahhh...September! Even though it is still 90+ degrees most days and all the schools around us have been in session for almost a month now somehow September always 'feels like Fall' to me. And I don't think I'm the only one. Every year I am amused at how the Arkansas fashions change for Fall, boots and sweaters appearing regardless of the heat. September also makes me think 'Back to School' even though two out of three of our girls don't actually go 'back' anywhere—the joys of homeschooling! In the spirit of back to school, here is a bit of an update on each of our girls.

**Charissa** headed back up to College of the Ozarks® for her Junior year on August 24th. She is excited that most of her coursework is culinary arts related this semester, but was sorry to have to leave her summer job. She truly enjoyed her time at Chenal Country Club and learned a lot about running a restaurant and catering special events. Socially she is adjusting to and enjoying being single on campus (as she was in a relationship for most of her first and second years). She is even trying out Swing Dancing! After a summer of sermons about Biblical Hospitality and using your passions for Christ, she was inspired to start a weekly get-together in her dorm lounge. She hopes to share cooking and nutrition tips while getting to know some new people.

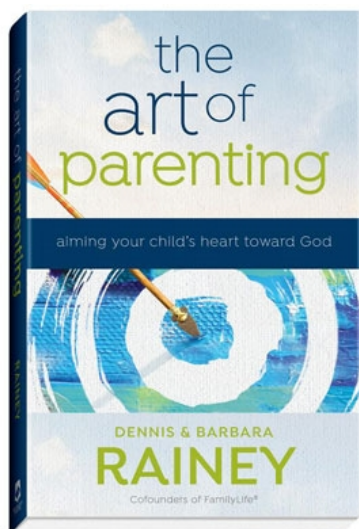


Heading to work at  
Chenal Country Club



First day working at  
Rooker Library

**Brenna** has started her senior year of high school. She was especially pleased to make a job transition before having to start school. She worked at Izzy's restaurant for over two years and enjoyed her time there, but has always hoped to get a job at our local library. Positions there are rare to find, so she jumped at the chance once it popped up and was hired. She loves that it is closer to home, a bit higher pay, and she gets to spend all those hours around books! She is also taking a math class at our local community college. She is enjoying the practical



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math skills that she is learning, and I am excited for her to see how well equipped she truly is for college. She is applying to College of the Ozarks for next fall and currently plans to begin towards a Communications degree. She isn't exactly sure what direction that will take, but hopes that getting started will give her a better idea of career options.



First day of SOAR  
Speech & Debate Club

**Amanda** is now in high school, a freshman to be specific. She continues to enjoy her job at Izzy's Restaurant and hopes to be trained to host soon. She, along with Brenna, have jumped right back in to SOAR Speech and Debate club this fall. Last season Amanda took a year off from debating to concentrate on speech. This year she is back into debate with a new partner. She is thrilled to have a friend who is just as interested in debate as she is, as they spend the season discussing changes to U.S. foreign aid. She has also begun helping out at church every other Sunday in the three and four year old class. Of course we have a few more years before she has to decide, but if you ask Amanda what she wants to do for college she would say that she wants to get a degree in Construction Management from John Brown University in Arkansas.

As I type out for you this update on our girls, it just crystalizes for me how fast they are growing up! It encourages me in the ministry we are doing here at FamilyLife® to realize how many FamilyLife resources we have used in our own family. The impact of a Weekend to Remember® in our lives before the girls were even born. The help that Resurrection Eggs® and What God Wants for Christmas® kits were in explaining Biblical truths to our girls when they were very young. The special times with each of them for their Passport2Purity® and Passport2Identity™ weekend getaways. The many travels and amazing people our girls have met through our family raising support to serve at here in Little Rock. God has used FamilyLife and YOU in the life of each of our girls!

In Him,

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**Pray** for Eric & I as we travel to Washington D.C for a donor event October 10-15th. We are looking forward to the 'in person' connections we will have

**Pray** for our girls while we are away-they will have adult help, but Brenna will be mostly responsible for the day to day activities & driving

**Pray** for complete healing for Charissa's wisdom teeth-she had to return to a dentist her first week of classes & go back on antibiotics-yuck!

**Praise** for a GREAT Grand Rapids trip last month for Eric-God is doing great things in that city!

**Praise** for the over 1,000 people who have already taken advantage of the Weekend to Remember 50% off sale-and the offer doesn't end until 9/24! Go to [abcdefamily.net](http://abcdefamily.net) for details!