

## The Riedy Reader September 2021



After being in Florida for about five months now, we are starting to identify some of our favorite things about our new home town. Ease of travel is definitely on that list! We are about half an hour from two main airports (Orlando and Sanford) and have many more non-stop flight options than Little Rock. This has led to more visitors coming to our new Florida home! Since flights for everyone are cheaper to Orlando than to other locations, this has been a great meeting space. This past month, the big excitement was being able to introduce baby Ruby to her Great Grandma Riedy! Grandma Riedy came for a week along with Eric's sister Jessica, husband Charlie and son Colby. Everyone was able to stay with us and had quite the adventures! The large group photo here was after a glass bottom tour, something both Charlie and I remember doing on family vacations as very young children MANY years ago—fun!



This photo reminds me of another of our 'Florida favorites' - the plants! You can see the Spanish Moss hanging from the trees. Everywhere we go looks exotic and tropical to my Northern eyes. The other day Eric and I went to Leu Gardens (botanical gardens here in Orlando). I just HAVE to share some of his great photos on the other side of our letter! One of the most amazing parts to me, though, is that we can see many

of these kinds of plants by simply taking a walk through our neighborhood.

Have we found 'less favorite' things, too? Of course! Toll roads and traffic—yuck! And did you know that we have notoriously loooong red lights?!? COVID numbers are still very high, so continued masking indoors and Eric still often works from home—nice we have a home office, but he is missing that sense of team that an office brings. But overall we are excited about our new state.

## PREPARING TO BLEND

The Engaged Couples Guide to Becoming a  
Smart Stepfamily

By Ron Deal

We have been waiting for this book to be finished and are SO excited to let you know about this great new resource!

The book *Preparing to Blend: The Couples Guide to Becoming a Smart Stepfamily* gives engaged couples the guidance they need and includes practical Growing Activities to prepare children and adults for stepfamily living. Simultaneously, the book gives pastors/premarital counselors a premarital preparation program they can immediately begin using with couples. Right now we are even offering a free pdf download of a leaders guide! <https://www.familylife.com/preparing-to-blend/>



On the FamilyLife side of things, we are looking forward to our first ministry trip together in quite a while! We will be helping to staff a President's Getaway in Colorado, September 30 through October 3. We are excited for some in-person ministry, great speakers, and a chance to connect with partners who are passionate about FamilyLife. Please pray for encouragement and health as we navigate this event during these unprecedented times!


I'm also thrilled to report that I've found my current niche in the ministry. Along with working with Eric in donor development, I am now the Teachers Assistant to pre-recorded virtual IBS classes. When I wrote about helping with IBS back in July, I only knew of the summer classes but it turns out that Cru has three classes offered online all year round. I am walking students through Apologetics, God/Bible/Holy Spirit, and Old Testament Survey. This work from home still gives me a lot of flexibility, but also an opportunity to serve.

In Him,

### Tear & Prayer

**Pray for the Riedy Family**

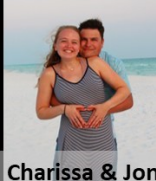
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Charissa & Jon

**Pray** for our upcoming Colorado getaway-Eric often says his role at FamilyLife is as an 'M&M Man' he Ministers *to & with* FamilyLife partners and shares opportunities for them to invest their Money to help FamilyLife grow.

**Pray** for the Fall Weekend to Remembers -lives to be touched & families strengthened. Our first 2 events saw 845 attending with 8 salvations!

**Praise** for current additions to both senior leadership & staff. Attrition from our move caused our numbers to dip. We are excited to see new staff joining here & around the country again!