

# The Riedy Reader

January 2023



“At the end of life, the greatest boast the greedy man will have is ‘My ash heap is bigger than your ash heap’”

Steve Douglass-Former Cru President

This quote was at the top of our very first Riedy Reader back in May of 2007. With Steve's recent passing it seems like a fitting way to start this, our first Riedy Reader of 2023!

Steve spoke these words to us at our commissioning banquet when we became official

Campus Crusade staff. He also challenged us to stand strong when others, or even when we ourselves, question our decision to join Campus Crusade. We should remember our calling and hold on to the ways that God has confirmed that calling for us. Eric and I have had many years of confirmation on our ‘calling’ over the years now. Flashback with me now to one of the most supernatural confirmations from these early years of 2006/7.



Our first FamilyLife Ministry Photo in 2006

*FamilyLife, as part of its application process, has what they call a Ministry Preview, 4 days in Little Rock. Our preview was to be the first weekend in October 2006, the week after my sister, Mary's, wedding. Oh no! We knew we would not miss or shorten this special time. FamilyLife would have to wait.*

*Early September we received an email – ‘We have to change the date for Preview to Nov. 9-13 – do you think you might be able to come to Little Rock for those dates?’ In July my Mom had already made reservations to come to Michigan for Charissa's birthday – the dates? Nov. 9-15. God had already taken care of our childcare needs!*

*The next hurdle was my Mom's plane was to arrive only about an hour before we were to fly out. ‘God, how*

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can I walk out the door without knowing that she landed safely?' I arranged a babysitter to cover the time gap, bawled my eyes out, and walked out the door. At the airport, Eric checked the monitor for our gate number while I checked on Mom's flight. 'We leave on 69' he said and 'She is coming in on 72!' As I was looking at the monitor, her flight status changed to 'landed'-she was early! We decided to give it a try and hopped on the tram to her gate. Half the flight had already de-planed but then off came my Mom – only to have me bawling again. God let me see her, touch her, hug her, before we flew away.

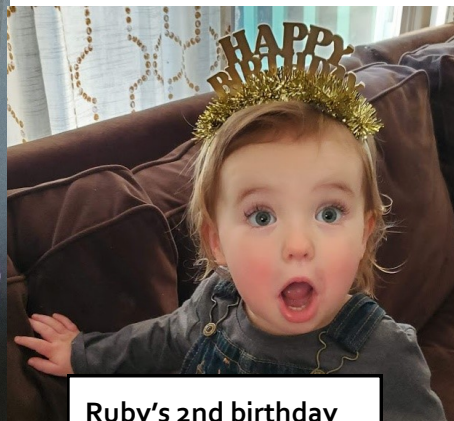
Recalling that story makes me think of Deut. 4:9 (The Message), "Don't forget anything of what you've seen. Don't let your heart wander off. Stay vigilant as long as you live. Teach what you've seen and heard to your children and grandchildren." We are thankful for many years of writing the Riedy Reader to share these stories with you! I must say, though, that they are also important for us to review in our own hearts and to share with our children and grandchildren too!

In Him,

P.S. speaking of grandchildren....We were bless to have our grands visit us here in Florida in November, and then go to their home in Missouri for a week in January to celebrate Ruby's second birthday. Enjoy the cuteness!

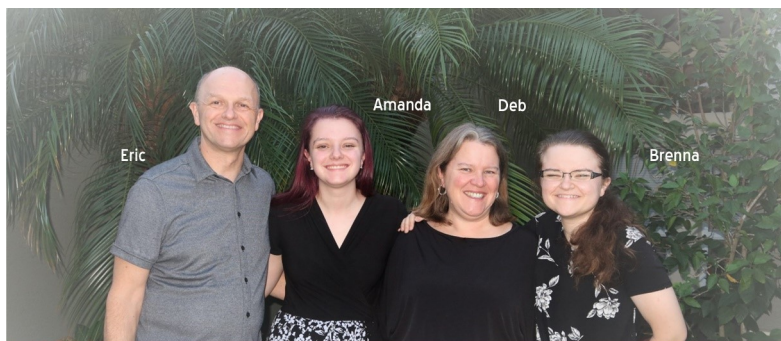


Oliver at Disney




Ruby's 2nd birthday

### Tear & Prayer



Pray for the Riedy Family  
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**Praise** for our recent visit to MO. We had some time to visit Amanda at JBU too.

**Praise** for our December support.

**Pray** for a busy couple of weeks ahead, including watching our grandkids in Orlando while their parents take a vacation away.

**Pray** for the beginning of the Spring Weekend to Remember season.

**Pray** for Amanda starting her 2nd semester at college.

**Pray** for several staff members that are going through major health concerns.