

# Merry Christmas!

From the Casey/Hill family to you and yours: "We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed, Happy New Year."



2017 was a great year for our family. Brant and Sofia set their wedding date for October 21, 2018 in San Antonio, so we are all excited about that big event! Their ceremony will be at a beautiful indoor/outdoor venue. Brant just celebrated his 20<sup>th</sup> year in his job with FOX News. He still loves what he does directing the weekend news programs. He thrives on the intensity and keeping things rolling along on a split second schedule. Sophia works in broadcasting as a news editor at the Spanish station in San Antonio and is very BUSY planning wedding details! One of their favorite things to do is make every Willie Nelson concert in their area. They have so much fun together and we always love going to visit them. They both have to work on Christmas this year and won't get to be with us in Lubbock.



Chad and Amanda have plenty to do just keeping up with Taylor (16), Averi (14), and Connor (10). Chad continues to love his work with Steve Hills Homes as chief cabinet maker and superb woodworker. His work is beautiful and artistic! Amanda still teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading with Lubbock ISD. This summer she began teaching online English classes to Chinese students with VIPKID. She has to get up very early or stay up very late to do the classes but she loves getting to know



the kids and parents via computer. She finds fun ways to teach and connect with her students. Our grandkids are growing up way too fast. Taylor is a junior at Monterrey High School, Averi is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Evans Middle School and Connor is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Honey Elementary, so they are all upper classmen in their schools. Next year Averi joins Taylor at Monterrey and Connor moves on to Evans Jr. High. The Hill family loves taking trips together to Colorado every summer and winter. Chad and Amanda found time for a get away with friends to Cancun, Mexico in October. Their motto is: Work hard and Play hard! Below are some family pictures made last Christmas and this year. All of us except Chad and Taylor met in Dallas for a Ranger game in September.



Gary and I pray you will experience and pass on the joy and peace of Jesus during this Advent Season. Have a wonderful Christmas celebrating the wonder of Christ's birth – that he became flesh so that we might become the children of God! Thank you for continuing to stand with us in prayer and partnering with Gateway Missions to disciple the nations! Through your prayers and missions support we minister together to serve God's people.

