



Bihl's Bugle



Happy New Year!



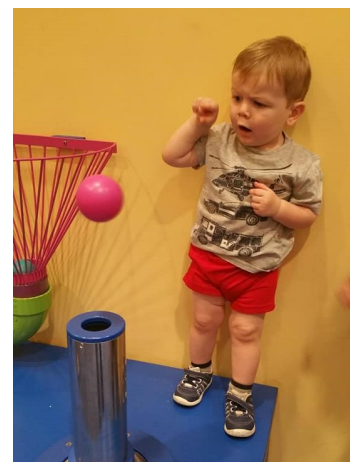
Well, friends, it looks like this year's annual newsletter turned into a *Happy New Year* newsletter instead of a *Merry Christmas* one! Nonetheless, here is a snapshot of our lives from 2017...

The year started off on a sad note. Danny's dad, Danny Ray Bihl, went to be with the Lord on January 15, 2017. He was 68 years old. Thank you, everyone, for your prayers and heart-felt sympathies to the Bihl family this past year. Danny Sr. will be dearly missed.

Though we said goodbye to one loved one in 2017, we also celebrated the birth of our precious nephew, Jamie Muskrat, on June 16. Welcome, baby Jamie!

Over the summer, we enjoyed taking two family trips. The first trip was to San Antonio, TX in June, where we had a blast at the San Antonio Zoo, the Alamo, Riverwalk, and the DoSeum (kids museum). It was Aden's first zoo trip, boat ride, and hotel stay, and he did great!

In July, we had the awesome privilege of going on a mission trip with our church to South Texas Children's Home ([STCH](#)) in Beeville, TX. STCH is a Christian foster-home campus where foster children and teens reside in group homes. For three days, we got to play with foster kids in the mornings, rest and/or go swimming in the afternoons, and play with foster teens in the evenings— kind of like a mini-VBS program. Our kids had a great time interacting with the foster children and our fellow church volunteers.



Caleb started Cub Scouts this year. He is a Wolf Cub, and Danny is his Den Leader. He had lots of fun going to a week-long day camp during the summer, and he enjoys spending extra outdoor time with his Dad. Caleb is in Second Grade and loving it! He recently joined the Storytelling UIL Team at his school and will be competing in February 2018. He's our little social butterfly and loves to tell a good story.

Aden turned two years old in October. He's learning new skills and words every day. He loves to play with ANY kind of ball, and boy, does he have an arm on him! He might be a future little sportsman. He also loves trains, cars, puzzles, and playing with his big brother. We look forward to seeing his precious personality blossom this coming year.



I (**Amy**) am still a Social Worker with [Therapy 2000](#), and I still volunteer with the special-needs charity, [Chari-T2000](#). A new venture for me this year was that I started an online blog called *Putting Faith and Family First* at www.amybihl.com. I have really enjoyed writing for it and creating YouTube videos, and I look forward to seeing where it will take me in the future.

Danny still works in the ER at Providence Hospital, and he has recently started his own business called [True Reflections Exteriors](#). He provides window cleaning, gutter cleaning, power-washing, and any other outdoor maintenance needs for local business and residential customers. He has also accepted some contract construction jobs since he's so handy with woodworking! He and a friend recently outfitted a trailer (by building and installing furniture, flooring, paneling, etc.), and he has some orders for custom-made dining tables and benches and would like to expand this passion-turned-business in the future as time allows.

So that's a snapshot of our year. May God richly bless each of you in 2018!

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