

## Christmas 2006

As years do, this one has flown by. Here's the McDonald news in a nutshell:

Joe has been traveling a lot with his ministry. God has put several wonderful folks in his path who have been invaluable, as they have offered opportunities of ministry, help and encouragement. We thank you and look forward to what God is going to do in 2007.

Patti is managing a Cingular store in Midtown Mobile. She stayed pretty busy transitioning into the new store but was able to go on a few ministry trips with Joe, to Orlando, Oregon and Louisiana.

Andrea and Laura (12) are doing well. Laura is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, in honors classes. Andrea went to work for a large medical billing company to move up in her career.

Jennifer and Ellis have moved back to Alabama and armed with a Masters Degree, Ellis is looking for a job after leaving the military. It is good to be close to Jen for a while. Olivia is an active, redheaded 4 year old.

Nicole and David are planning to build a house on the family property. Mallory McDonald Sweatt decided to come early this summer and the plans were delayed. She is perfect, though, and big sister Kathleen (8) and big brother Ryan (5) couldn't be prouder!

Sarah and John live in Montgomery. They are expecting their 3<sup>rd</sup> baby in February (a boy!) Brittany (8) and Jacelynn (4) are excited about having a brother. Number 8 grandbaby, PTL!

Joey graduated from college in NYC this past May (with honors), was commissioned as an Officer in the Navy and promptly headed for Japan, Russia and various other ports. He is back in the states and will be home for Christmas, yahoo!

Sean was promoted to Assistant Manager at Office Depot and pretty much runs the place. He works hard but managed to fry us a turkey this Thanksgiving, which has turned into an annual tradition.

We are thankful for the blessings of this year. God has kept us healthy and blessed through many miles of traveling. We are thankful for friends and family and hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

*Joe & Patti McDonald*