



Prayer Requests

- **Praise:** Kathy went in for a biopsy on a mass that was under her arm and the doctor couldn't find it. It was gone!
- **Praise:** We finished the year fully funded.
- **Pray** for both boys to make friends in school.
- **Pray** for at least two more churches to begin supporting us in 2018.

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How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things. (Romans 10:15b)

Goodbye 2017

A Rough, Tough, Good, Bad, and Busy Year

Charles Dickens begins *A Tale of Two Cities* with "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..." For our family, 2017 featured some good times, but the year produced some of the worst of times as well. Let's start with the most difficult season of all. After a six-month battle with colon cancer, my mother died in April. Sam and I were in the hospital room with her when she went home to be with the Lord. Our confidence in knowing that she is in Heaven is comforting, yet the experience as a whole was extremely hard. We all miss her terribly! Death revisited our family in mid-December with the loss of Daisy, our 17-year-old beagle. Both Sam and John Edward never knew a time without Daisy. She was a great friend and protector. Her loss has been tough! So, was there anything good about 2017? In July, we spent two weeks visiting with friends and supporters in Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama. In August, we escaped for a week of vacation on Amelia Island. Those trips were great! Also, over the course of the year, I traveled to radio stations from Pennsylvania to Idaho; I worked for a couple of weeks at our transmitting site on the Caribbean island of Bonaire; and I recorded *Footsteps* interviews in the South American country of Ecuador. While traveling can be enjoyable, it can be rough living out of a suitcase, and it can be really tough on my family at home. May God be praised for giving Kathy and the boys the grace needed to make it without me. And for the record, I'd rather travel with Kathy, Sam, and John Edward than anyone else in the world. So, even though 2017 had several good highlights, it was also filled with a lot of pain. Honestly, all of us are somewhat glad that 2018 is finally here.

More Travel to Wrap-up the Year

Since joining TWR, I have had the privilege of building friendships with an ever-growing list of my colleagues in Christian radio. For instance, in October, for the second year in a row, I joined the staff of WNKJ in Hopkinsville, KY, for their on-air fundraiser called *Care-a-thon*. Then, in November, I headed north to Lima, OH, to help my friends at WTGN for their *Sharathon*. Finally, in December, I returned to WAVA in Washington, DC, to raise support for TWR Women of Hope on *The Don Kroah Show*. Believe it or not, I really enjoy radio fundraising. Just give me a Bible, some bullet points, and a microphone, and I'm ready to go!



(Andy and Scott Young of WTGN)



(Andy in Washington, DC)



(The WNKJ Staff)

We've lived in North Carolina for four years and had never made it to the coast. We finally went to Wrightsville Beach in October to celebrate Sam's 17th birthday. We decided to take Lucy and Linus with us. They are great travelers! The beach was absolutely beautiful and relaxing, and we all wondered why we hadn't come sooner.



In December we lost our Daisy girl. We have had her since Sam was a year and a half old. Our boys have never known a time without her. She was such a gentle, loving, special dog. We will miss her greatly.



Napier Family Happenings

*"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you.
When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned,
Nor shall the flame scorch you." Isaiah 43:2*

I have been very open and honest about my struggle with depression. It is an illness! It is also an illness that can be hereditary. We have witnessed this fact in our own family. Sam has struggled with depression for a number of years. Since the beginning of October, his depression has worsened, and high anxiety has been thrown into the mix. From a parent's perspective, it has been hard to watch. It has affected his ability to attend school on some days, and for most other days, he is tardy which also makes John Edward tardy. We have had many days where it has felt like we are drowning, but God has kept us from being taken under. It's so hard to watch your child struggle with an illness to which you know the depths of the pain that accompanies it. God has given me a word to hold onto during this long trial, and that word is hope.

I must say, we have been blessed by how the school has worked with us in helping Sam continue to deal with his anxiety regarding school. We really feel the boys are in the best school for them. We've also discovered a number of fellow believers within the school. Both boys have had opportunities by their actions to show Christ to those they go to school with. Other students have noticed a difference in them. Pray they have the boldness to share the gospel as God presents opportunities.

I also cannot say enough about our TWR family as they have walked through this hard time with us. Their prayers, listening ears, and words of encouragement have been what has kept us going. We are so overwhelmed with the love and care that God has shown us through His people as they have been His hands and feet to us. It's not just those in the office, but co-workers around the world as well.

Please be in prayer for our family as we continue to trust God with this trial He has entrusted to us. We feel inadequate, but it does cause us to lean even more into Jesus.

Kathy Napier

*"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
And whose hope is the LORD." Jeremiah 17:7*