



During this season we often hear the question, “Are you ready for Christmas?” My typical response goes something like this: “Well, to me Christmas is an entire season and not merely a single day. So ready or not, Christmas is here and I'm enjoying it to the max.” We indeed rejoice as we take a season to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our family has enjoyed another year filled with God’s goodness and grace. We are so thankful for health, provision, and spiritual blessings. Our “at a glance” section below gives you a quick overview of a year in the life of the Simpson family. And if you visit our family website at its new location, www.SimpsonCity.com, you'll find photos and a host of interesting, helpful, and amusing things.

We pray that you and yours will have a joyous Christmas season and a blessed 2002!

The Simpsons — Dan, Dena, Micah, Anna, and Christa



Family at a Glance:

Dan

- Begins 7th year at Fuller Theological Seminary’s Office of Continuing Education
- Pastoral ministry at Christian Family Center, Azusa
- Enjoys hiking, disc golf, and website building

Dena

- Librarian at Hodge Elementary School
- Continues in Library Science program at Citrus College
- Enjoys reading and movies

Micah

- 18, freshman at Citrus College
- Awarded Eagle Scout on May 5
- Worked summer as life guard at city pool
- Enjoys bass guitar, boarding (snow/skate), and golf

Anna

- 15, sophomore in high school
- Plays piccolo in marching band
- Played on school tennis and softball teams
- Enjoys her friends

Christa

- 11, 6th grade, Jr. high
- Plays saxophone in school band
- Active as a Junior Girl Scout
- Had fun in city softball and volleyball leagues

Year 2001 at a Glance:

December (2000)

- Family takes boat ride in Long Beach viewing Boat Parade
- Dena and Anna decorate Rose Parade floats

January

- Family enjoys the Rose Parade in Pasadena, live
- Micah turns 18

February

- Dan and Dena enjoy a long weekend in Santa Barbara celebrating Dena’s B-day
- Micah and Anna spend weekend at church winter camp

March

- Micah buys bass guitar to play in new Flipside band

April

- Anna goes to San Francisco with school band. Dena goes along as a chaperone

May

- Micah's Eagle Scout Court of Honor
- Season of hiking begins with trek to Dawn Mine

June

- Christa attends Girl Scout camporee at Cabrillo Beach
- Micah graduates high school. Christa graduates Elementary
- Micah and Flipside band give first performance

July

- Family (except Micah) vacations in Lake Arrowhead
- Christa enjoys a week at church camp

August

- Christa and Dan go to Disney's California Adventure
- Anna and Micah enjoy a week at church camp
- Micah starts college
- Anna gets her orthodontic braces off

September

- Christa, Anna, and Dena back to school
- Dan and Christa go on over-night backpacking trip

October

- Dan and Dena attend pastors' conference in Palm Springs

November

- Dan and Dena spend 5 days as tourists in New York City

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