

The Aardsma Weekly

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What's Up With The Upper Five

Since I have nothing at all to write about this week (things are slow around here this time of year as far as excitement goes), I've decided to update you on my five older siblings.

It's David who has the most exciting news. He's the one who comes before Matthew. David is, I am glad to say, getting married this June! He is engaged to a beautiful, wonderful young woman named Kathryn Elizabeth Hendrix. We are very excited for both of them, and can't wait for Kathryn to become an official member of our family. So, welcome, Kathryn!

Laura is next. She and Philip Gioja still live in Piper City, a town about thirty minutes from here, raising their two-year-old daughter Kesley Nicole. Philip works at my older brother Mark's software and sound-panel business, which is also located in Piper City. Laura also works there part time.

Stephen and Jenna Aardsma continue to live in Chicago, Illinois. Stephen still works as an artist. He has created some really magnificent things from wood and paint. His wife, Jenna, is a teacher, and is currently taking classes to get a Master's degree. The two of them also purchased a house in the last year or so, and have already done lots of renovations to it.

Mark and Jenn Aardsma also have some exciting news. Jenn is expecting their third child, which is to be born sometime in July. We are happy for them. Mark is busy heading his growing business, with lots of employees to manage. Jenn is home-schooling her first child, Nathan, as well as caring for her beautiful little girl, Alison.

Jennifer and Steve are still living all the way off in Virginia. We miss them lots, and so we're very glad that they are coming down this June for David's wedding. It's going to be great to see them again. Jennifer is home-schooling Joshua (7), who is doing very well in first grade. She is also kept busy with lots of work in their church, and looking after Ethan (5), and Katelyn (3). Steve works as assistant pastor in the church his father pastors. He also leads the church choir, and does countless other things. (As I know that Jennifer and her family read this every week, I want to say a special hello to them. Hello down there in Virginia, everyone!)

So that's where the 'upper five' are. We haven't seen them a lot lately, since Dad's medicine requires him to be under 'quarantine'. We'll be seeing them at the various wedding functions for the first time in a while. It'll be good to see them again, as well as all those adorable nieces and nephews!

The Weekly Bible Verse

Proverbs 27:1: Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.



Bits and Pieces

We had two more lambs born to us last week. They were two more males, and this time big and healthy. All four of the little fellows are growing big, confident, and saucy. One of them especially seems to think he owns the world, and crow-hops around the pen, butting at his playmates and mother. They are all very adorable.

Mom had her Bayles Lake Auxiliary talk this week. (The Auxiliary is a group of ladies from the lake nearby, who do things like recycling and good works around the lake. At their monthly meetings, they ask in a speaker, and Mom was the one they scheduled for April.) It went very well. Beka and I got to dress up and curl our hair so we could come along. We had a great time getting to meet some of Matthew's lawn customers, and renewing acquaintances with some of the vegetable customers that we've served over the years. Mom did great, talking about our life and work and ministry. It was a great chance for her to share our faith. Her talk was entitled "Little House On The Prairie."



A Word About The Weather



It's been a little chilly this week, and we've got some much-needed rain. Everyone appreciated the break that rain gives us. (You know summer has come when everyone hopes and prays for rain, and then rejoices when it comes.) However, it has started to warm back up again. We've had some lovely days up in the 80s.



A Word Of Wisdom



Bad manners corrupt good morals, or so says Timmy, anyway.