

The Aardsma Weekly

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Wedding Bells

On Saturday, June 2nd, 2007, David James Aardsma and Kathryn Elizabeth Hendrix joined together in holy matrimony before God. To the guests assembled, it seemed a simple and beautiful affair. However, to those of us more heavily involved, it wasn't really that simple.

At four o'clock Friday afternoon, Mom and all the rest of us at home arrived at the church to get the rehearsal dinner started. Matthew had gone with Jennifer and Steve Hall and their three kids to get his tuxedo, as he was an usher. Once at the church, we immediately began cleaning the church basement, and arranging tables.

The dinner was a big success, with over thirty people in attendance. Every person in the Aardsma clan was present, as well as lots of Kathryn's family.

The next day we hurried to the church for pictures early. Kathryn was already there, beautiful and glowing with happiness in her gorgeous dress. Laura was the official photographer, doing a great job posing everyone and managing all the excited people. After the pictures and a quick lunch, we got ready for the ceremony, which was to start at 1:30, p.m.

The ceremony was lovely. It was very much a family wedding. Kathryn's older sister, Jessica, and her best friend, Sarah, were the matron of honor and bridesmaid. Jessica's husband, Tanner, was best man, and Kathryn's brother, John, was groomsman. Matthew and Kathryn's brother, Nathan, were ushers. Kathryn's Uncle Rex was the officiating pastor. He did a great job with a very nice message. Steve sang 'The Road That Never Ends' during the lighting of the unity candle, with Jennifer playing the accompaniment on her harp. Kathryn's cousin played the piano for the processional and recessional.

After the short ceremony we hurried to the reception, which was in a different church. At the reception, we were greeted by a beaming bride and groom, and then enjoyed some delicious food prepared by different relatives. Tanner and Dad prayed, and then the entire Aardsma clan stood up to sing 'Welcome To The Family' to Kathryn.

After cake and lots of talk, we headed home. However, our family decided to meet at a park near Laura's house for some fun and games before everyone went on their separate ways. We enjoyed an hour or two of fellowship, and then piled into the car around 8:30, p.m., to sleep all the way home. We woke up, though, when we discovered we had locked ourselves out of the house. (Our front door has a chain on it so that it is impossible to get in from the outside, even with a key. This was put up because Caleb sleepwalks sometimes.) We had accidentally locked the back door, for which we have no

key. After some anxious talk, in which we considered taking doors off of their hinges, smashing windows, and breaking locks, we came to a practical solution: send Caleb in the window. We broke the screen in front of the kitchen window, which was the only window not locked from the inside, and Matthew heaved Caleb through. I secretly hoped that no policemen came by, because we certainly looked suspicious!

The Weekly Bible Verse

Proverbs 23:22-23: Listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Buy truth, and do not sell it, get wisdom and instruction and understanding.



Bits and Pieces



Strawberry season started this week. So far, most of the berries aren't that great, since the frost that came through a couple weeks ago did some serious damage. Our customers seem to be satisfied, though.

What with the wedding, Jennifer and Steve coming, and garden work, things have been crazy this week. Our schedule went something like this: Monday: hill potatoes, pick strawberries. Tuesday: leaf potatoes, pick strawberries, clean house. Wednesday: finish cleaning house, pick strawberries, straw potatoes. Thursday: pick strawberries, visit with Jennifer and Steve. Friday: get ready and go to rehearsal dinner. Saturday: go to wedding. Yes, we've been kept hopping! Things have slowed down a little, though, and we've enjoyed plenty of free time to play with Joshua, Ethan, and Katelyn.



A Word About The Weather



We've had some pretty nice, warm, sunny days this week, as well as several showers and a thunderstorm. We still need the rain badly, and haven't gotten near enough. We are still praying for some heavy rain showers.



A Word Of Wisdom



Handle carbonated water carefully. If you don't now how to use it, it can be a dangerous thing!