



The Franklin Family  
*Go, stand and speak in the temple  
 to the people all the words of this life. Acts 5:20*

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## Our Christmas Came Early



Judah was born in Kansas Dec. 6th 2024

The cold December sun shone brighter at 3:32pm on the 6th when grandson #2 came into our world. Judah Louis Franklin warmed up the day and all of us at the same time! His Dad, John Tyler introduced this 9lb 2oz, 22in, Christmas package to his older brother John Elliott and it was - adorable! He will go by "Judah" but Louis is special to us as Louis Edmon Franklin was my grandfather. I'm sure he and my father would be content as he was the original "Papaw" to his grandkids and now unbelievably I'm a "Papaw" too (x2). The name "Judah" is first introduced in the Old Testament in Genesis 29, where Leah, the first wife of Jacob, names her fourth son Judah. The name "Judah" (יהודה, Yehudah in Hebrew), means "to praise" or "to give thanks" and we are all certainly doing a lot of that right now. The tribe of Judah rose to a place of preeminence within the history of Israel culminating in the reign of King David. However, the significance of Judah extends beyond the Old Testament and into the New. Jesus is frequently referred to as the "Lion of the tribe of Judah". This title underscores Jesus' royal lineage and his fulfillment of the messianic prophecies associated with Judah.

The lion, a symbol of strength, courage, and kingship, which aptly represents the character and mission of Jesus, who comes to establish God's kingdom and bring salvation to humanity. A Christmas gift indeed! We praise and give thanks too that Heidi is doing well, and we covet your prayers that both Tyler and Heidi may return to their duties at church soon. Regina and I are having so much fun helping at the house doing the world's greatest chore - taking care of Grandkids. Merry Christmas!

## Busier than Elves at Santa's Workshop

Since August we have traveled in our old R.V. from MO down to South TX up to West TX, NM, AZ, CA (flew into GA) and then back to MO visiting family and reporting to supporting churches about what God has been doing in the Dominican Republic. We still have open dates and would love to visit your church. We will be in MO through mid-January, then it's back to North TX. Followed by GA and FL in February and March, up to OH and northern U.S. states in April and May, passing through MO in June and dropping off Tiffany in college in CA in July. Whew! Please pray for more traveling mercies.



Visited Jordan and Laura in California in November



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 Anniversary 10/10/92  
 Tiffany Joy 2/19/06  
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