



**Merry  
Christmas!  
and  
Happy  
New Year!  
  
2021**



Sarah and Brandon Shippy were engaged to be married in October. Their wedding is scheduled for March 12, 2022.

We take the annual Tribute to the Birth of Jesus, the Great King, as an opportunity to update you on the status of the Jim Bartsch Family.



Jim and Esther, forebears of this family, have completed nearly eight years of service with [Interim Pastor Ministries](#). We began Jan. 1, 2014. I have served 6 churches, the last in Mountain Lake, MN. We are in retirement mode now in Omaha, NE.

Brian and Christa's family keeps growing.

Here is the whole Brian and Christa Bartsch family at a reunion around July 4, 2021. Brian continues to work at [Orion Advisor Solutions](#) now for 15 years. Christa works part-time at [Omaha Christian Academy](#). Jonathon is the only child not presently living in Omaha. He is Assistant Professor of Finance at the [University of Northwestern at St. Paul](#), Minnesota.



Katie and Jonathan (Kruz) had their first child, Melody Aletheia in April.

Here is the Dave and Jen Bartsch family. Dave continues to teach English at [Qatar University](#) in Doha, Qatar. He has been teaching there for 13 ½ years. Jen does secretarial / administrative work for their church. A year ago we were unable to see them because of COVID. We are glad to have seen them this past summer.



Matthew married Kendal (nee Rollo) in November.



Here is the Jeff and Chantel Bartsch family. Jeff continues working as a free-lance TV editor and works at online business building. He has started a new podcast called "[Story Greenlight with Jeff Bartsch](#)." The podcast deals with content coaching for YouTube creators. See also [Story Greenlight.com](#). Chantel is the glue that holds everyone and everything together! They now live in Cleveland, Ohio. Chantel is glad to be near her family, and she *loves* returning to snow!!! She missed it so much in California! ☺



Our position is that we are constantly “looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.” (Titus 2:13-14).

A Merry Christmas to you, and may you have a Fruitful New Year!

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Finally, here is the Cornel and Erica Tuns family. Cornel is a Certified Nursing Assistant at [Bryan Health](#), West Campus, in Lincoln, NE. Erica keeps everything running at home. The three younger children are attending [Christ Lincoln School](#), within walking distance of their home. Laura plays violin and Merry plays keyboard.



We live in an increasingly chaotic country and world. The only real source of hope is Jesus. We invite you, the reader, to place your faith in Jesus, live your life to please Him, and work hard to recruit others for His Kingdom.