



*Dear East Pointe Friends,*

*Another Christmas is upon us and I hope you find some quality time with family and friends. We will take a few days and visit the Staley side of the family in Largo, Florida. I especially enjoy the day before Christmas as everything slows down and the excitement of Christmas is about to happen.*

*Of course there are those days leading up to Christmas that just do me in. I feel very lucky though this year as Donna only made me go to the Regency Mall with her one time and otherwise did all my shopping via internet. Yes, UPS, Fed X, Airborne, US Postal Service, are my friends this time of year. Even Motor Freight (tractor and trailer) made a delivery this year as they dropped off Donna's Christmas gifts –three thousand pounds of exercise equipment to get her back into shape. Can't wait to give it to her – (can't wait for her to start using it.)*

*Looking back at 2005 it was a great and busy year for the Staley's. We took temporary legal custody of Donna's brother's two kids and we have enjoyed seeing them grow in this short period of time. Christmas morning for them is going to be a lot of fun as they have never had much of a holiday in prior years.*

*Our boys, Chris and Shaun are still at home and busy with their work-lives and friends. They come and go and we probably have had 200 hours of cell phone conversation and only about ½ hour live conversation between them in the last year. All I can say is I'm glad we are all on the same cell phone plan or I'd be looking to refinance my home to cover the charges.*

*2005 was also a year that included Senior Pastor transition. I believe East Pointe was richly blessed with a great and concerned Transition team and their recommendations of new Pastor. I am excited about Pastor Kevin and where he will be leading us in 2006 and beyond.*

*Children's Ministry in 2005 was fairly busy with big activities including VBS, kid's summer camp at Stetson University, Music Camp, a couple big Awana events, and great Spring and Fall Family Fun Nights. We continue to see kids receive salvation and be baptized through our efforts to bring them the word and help them understand it. It requires dedicated hearts by volunteers and children's workers to change their lives. I want to thank each of you for your part you play for the kids. You are very special and much appreciated in all you do.*

*May you have a wonderful 2005 Christmas.*

*Ken, Donna and family*

