

New Life  
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Last week we welcomed a new baby into our family. Brynn's arrival makes for the 6th grandchild I am privileged to call my own. Today, I got to hold, cuddle and kiss her. She is, I'm sure, one of the many Covid babies our schools will soon welcome into our classrooms.

The apparent end of Covid and the gift of new life go together. Both offer a fresh new look at our world. There's a promise of a new start, a peek at a future bright with promise - even a sense of the normalcy we have so longed for.

As we look ahead to the fall and a new school year, let's not forget to celebrate the now. Summer, like a new life, is a time to cherish. It's a time to give thanks and rejoice in the gifts we receive daily, including the forgiveness of sins which allows us to start new each day! It's time to rest and recharge! It's time to relax - and for me, that means cuddling a new baby!

We have God's promise! "All things work together for good for those who love God!" (Romans 8:28) While I thank God for the gift of a new life, I also thank Him for delivering us from the challenges of the past year and a year bright with the promise that only He can provide! And I especially thank Him for the gift of eternal life which we have through the suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus.

To God Be All Glory!