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## All the Sweetest News from Sugar Land



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featuring Steve, Shannon, Tommy & **INTRODUCING** Christopher Pontiff

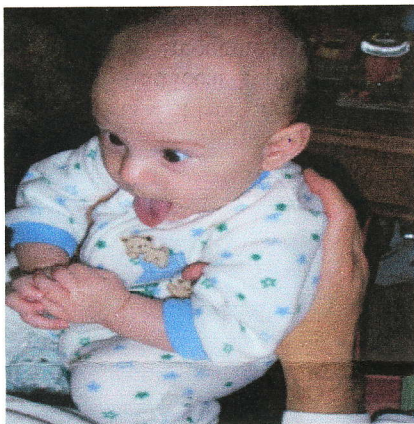
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### Our First Edition

Since we've never done a holiday newsletter and we always enjoy the ones we receive, we decided to start the tradition ourselves. We hope you enjoy it!

### Our New Addition!

2007 has been a wonderful year for the Pontiffs. In addition to the many blessings God has continued to bestow upon us, He gave us a second healthy son in early August. Christopher Barrett Pontiff came into the world on the 6<sup>th</sup>, weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz. He was 20½ inches long. At just over four months, he's already up to 16 lbs. so he may eventually be taller and bigger than his "big" brother, Tommy...and maybe even more of a ham!



### Our Home

Since we moved out to the suburbs of Sugar Land in 2005, we've found ourselves making fewer and fewer trips into the big city of Houston as we've managed to find local "replacements" for most places we frequented in The Galleria area during our single days. With the exception of a few of our much-loved doctors and our church home, St. Martin's Episcopal; we spend most of our time in cozy Sugar Land. We've made numerous new friends in the neighborhood and in the community

in general and we feel very much at home here now.



### Tommy's Year in Review

Tommy turned 4 on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and we hosted a Saturday morning party for him at the Rosenberg Railroad Museum. It was great party and lots of fun for everyone. He also started Pre-K at Towne Creek School in August and will be starting "big boy school" at Commonwealth Elementary's Kindergarten next fall. The school is less than a mile away from the house, so it will be very convenient for Tommy's K-5 years.

We spent the first part of the year preparing Tommy for his baby brother's arrival and doing as many special things with him as possible. He made his first trip to Galveston beach in May, as well as the Galveston Railroad Museum and of course, both were a huge hit!



Tommy was thrilled and fascinated with his new baby brother. Their first Halloween together was a lot of fun even though Christopher was too young to really get into the festivities; and we're looking forward to their first Christmas together.



### The Busy Parents

Shannon started working part-time from home with Procedence, Inc. in May of 2006 as a curriculum developer and technical writer for various clients. In March, she traveled out to Orange County, CA for a well-deserved, relaxing visit with Aunt Jan and Uncle Bob while Steve stayed home with Tommy. She continued working this spring before taking time off to decorate the nursery and get ready for the baby.

In July, we had a contractor add French doors to our formal living room to create Steve's new home office and convert the spare bedroom from Steve's old office into the nursery.

Following the advice Dustin Hoffman received in *The Graduate*, 2007 marked Steve's 21<sup>st</sup> year in "Plastics!" Fortunately, since Christopher's arrival, Steve's been doing less than his usual amount of business travel and enjoying his new (larger) office and larger family!

### In Closing...

We'd like to wish all of you, our dear friends and family, a wonderful and Merry Christmas and a blessed and Happy 2008!!



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