

As I write this, it is early May, with much warmer temperatures and dryer air than the month of April, but that is the way it is supposed to be, right?? This was a relatively quiet month, except for routine doctor appointments, which seem to come together this month. The world news wasn't quiet though, with the Notre Dame Cathedral Fire!! As we watched, I thought, "Is God sending us a message?"

Bob & I did take a day trip to Charleston with Robin McCall which was fun. We had eighteen people from Lakeside and she had enough people for two vans. Charleston is such a beautiful city, we never hesitate to go on one of these trips with Robin. She knows this City and it's history like the back of her hand. We had a three hour ride in a horse drawn carriage. This is a great way to see the city, especially if walking is too strenuous. Now you can't visit Charleston and not visit *The Market!!* Great shopping! Check out the famous Gullah hand crafted baskets. Not only are these for sale in the Market, but with road side stands on Route 17 leading into Charleston, as well. Bob & I have stopped more than once at one of these road side stands to purchase a gift. The pictures on the right will give you a taste of Charleston which dates back to the 1600's. There is our Carriage Ride, with our local tour guide, who did a wonderful job. There are several companies doing this sort of tour, and you can see them all over, which causes car traffic to slow down. From the carriage, I took a picture of the historic St Philip's Episcopal Church steeples. Another picture is of a Gullah Basket stand at the Charleston Market. Another picture was taken inside the Market. I also took a few pictures of some of the homes with the beautifully crafted metal fences and old oak trees.



Above, the first picture is the steeple of St Philip's Episcopal Church. The next few pictures will give you some idea of what the inner city looks like.

Now, can you guess what the picture on the top is all about? Did you guess a 'poop mobile' for the horses? If so you are right! The horses also had diapers under the tails, but accidents happen, I guess.



To fill in the page, I thought you might enjoy a couple of additional pictures to make you smile. First there is Minnie's tube. Gracie is not allowed in it.

Yes, the next thing is a check! We wanted to share with you to see that our retirement is finally secure! I know it is difficult to see, so I cut and pasted the amount so you could read it. We thought it was worth a good laugh! The postage on this check was 38 cents, not counting the check print stock and envelope. MODERN TECHNOLOGY!!!!