



I can't believe this little guy is going to be nine years old this week! It doesn't seem like it was very long ago when he was just a baby, riding in his car seat behind me. He was all eyebrows back then! But he sure was a heart breaker. His big brown eyes and precocious grin kept a hold on everyone he met.

What can I say about Alec? He's a mess, just like his brother. Alec is a thinker. He always has been. He will probably kill me one day for sharing this, but Alec has a nickname, "Thumper". For as long as I can remember, Alec will start patting his hands on his thighs as he walks back and forth, having a private conversation with 'someone'. This is one of those quirks that I love about him. I'll ask him who he's talking to, and he just says, "no one". Then goes right back to thumping!

Alec also asks the tough questions. He'll observe the things going on around him, discussions taking place, and then hours later he'll ask questions about what was being discussed. I still smile when I see this photo below from Alec's very first time at the ocean. This was what he did for the first day and a half that we were there. Slowly he made his way into the salty water and decided it was a lot of fun. At least until he took in a mouthful of the salty ocean, and it made him barf right there in the sand. Oh, my goodness.



I am so proud of Alec and how well he's doing in school. He loves riding the bus so he can visit with his friends, and he loves learning. I pray it will always stay this way for him. This year he's going to elementary school without his brother, who is now in middle school. It's hard watching him grow up so fast. I'm glad he still likes his stuffed piggies and doesn't mind a cuddle now and then. Recently he has mastered the art of giggling just like Scooby Doo.

Just as I asked for Cason for his birthday in April, I ask for prayers over Alec. Both boys have had to deal with much, but they are troopers, and make me very proud to be their grandma. We three have been so blessed, and I know we have much to do yet. I pray I will set the example that God expects of me, and may they grow to be men with hearts on fire for Jesus.

Happy birthday, little Alec! May God bless you always!