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**OUR PRAYER:**

*Gracious God, Giver of all life,*

*We pray for these parents.*

*Give them wisdom and patience.*

*Let Your peace and joy dwell in their homes.*

*Instruct them in Your gospel truth.*

*Strengthen them in faith.*

*Sustain them through prayer.*

*Order their lives by love.*

*We pray for these children.*

*Be gracious to them.*

*Draw them to Yourself.*

*Help them to love and trust Jesus.*

*We pray that You will grow them in faith,*

*So that they might be like arrows in Your hand.*

*For Christ's sake, Amen*



***Matt and Karen Blanton present their son, Carter Joseph Blanton***

Carter Joseph Blanton, born April 19, 2012, is the first, and Lord willing not last, child of Matt and Karen Blanton. Carter's middle name, Joseph, is both the middle name of Matt and Matt's father, Larry. Since Carters birth, both Matt and Karen have gained a greater understanding of how God must feel about us, His children. The Lord took as much time and detail to create our earth for our arrival as we took to prepare the nursery for Carters arrival. We have a deeper knowledge of what unconditional love looks like. We also have learned how to function on little or no sleep! Psalm 103:17-18



***Brandon and Crystal McGrew present their son, Amos Carter McGrew***

Amos was born to the McGrew family on December 29. He is spoiled and adored by his older siblings, Sawyer (4) and Eden (2). We chose the name Amos for both its masculinity and the special meaning the biblical book of Amos has in our relationship, and his middle name was chosen in honor of Crystal's grandparents. Amos was our third child in three years and the Lord has used him to challenge us, humble us and teach us that it is only through his strength and guidance that we are able to do this. "In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind." Job 12:10



***Alex and Allison Moore present their daughter, Evelyn Mae Moore***

Evelyn Mae Moore was born on October 24th, 2011 and has been such a joy to her Mom and Dad. Over the past year, we've learned patience and endurance through the more challenging aspects of parenthood but have also enjoyed the sweet blessing our daughter has been to our family. Having gone through several difficult years of trying to have a baby, Evelyn means so much to us. Psalm 127:3 states that "children are a gift from the Lord", which has most definitely been our experience.



***Casey and Sterling Smallwood present their daughter, Jolee Sterling Smallwood***

Our beautiful blessing, Jolee Sterling Smallwood, is named after her grandmother Rebecca Jo, dad Casey Lee and mom Rebecca Sterling. She was born July 11, 2012. She has an amazing big brother Clay. She brings us so much joy with every smile! She reminds us that while there may be an expectation of what is typical, one can soar above it. James 1:17, "Every good gift and every perfect gift comes from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."



***Matthew and Tara Thomas present their son, Andrew James Thomas***

Our child's name is Andrew James Thomas, born August 14, 2012 to Matthew and Tara Thomas. His first name means manly and brave. His middle name is after Tara's grandfather who is a kind man who loves God and his family very much. Since having Andrew, we have learned (and are still learning!) how important it is to be a team and spend time as just husband and wife.



***Chad and Lauren Watson present their son, Archie Stone Watson***

Archie was my (Chad's) late grandfather's name. He was a man who always displayed His love for Jesus in the way that He loved his family; his example as a father to my father has been carried to me. Lauren and I want our family to hear and remember this: ...everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord (Phil 3:8a). Archie Stone Watson (late grandfather's name; Stone was just something we liked...and it sounds tough)  
Birthdate--9/29/12



***Greg and Dawn Wilburn present their daughter, Abigail Grace Wilburn***

Abigail Grace Wilburn was born on June 19, 2012 to Greg and Dawn Wilburn. She has an older brother named Phinehas. We chose her name, Abigail, because we liked the way it sounded and liked that it means "Father's joy". We pray that we will have much joy in her and that she will soon come to be adopted into our heavenly Father's family through faith in Jesus and know the great joy of being His.



***Jacob and Mary Clutts present their son, Daniel Clutts***

Daniel was born June 12, 2012. He is the firstborn child of Jacob and Mary Clutts. “Daniel” is Jacob’s middle name. We have learned a lot about the overwhelming love of God for his children since having a child of our own and experiencing the fears, joys, pains, and excitement of being parents. “You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound” (Psalm 4:7 ESV).



***Mike and Katie O'Dell present their son, Robert Beckham O'Dell***

We are Mike and Katie O'Dell. Beckham is our first child and was born on February 17, 2012. His full name is Robert Beckham after both of his Grandfathers. We were honored to name him after our dads. God has taught us many lessons since we became parents but a couple that stand out are trusting Him in all things and that our faith is not built on our circumstances but on Christ. He has blessed us greatly with Beckham and He is faithful to us always. Psalm 100:5 reminds us of his goodness. "For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."







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