



THE JOLLEYS



BORN: Saturday, March 26th 10:52pm

Weight: 7lbs 14ozs

Length: 20 3/4 inches

COLE MATTHEW JOLLEY

“Behold children are a gift from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward” -Psalm 127:3

After much anticipation and excitement, Cole arrived into the world three weeks ago. Crystal's water broke that morning around 8:00 am, but she really didn't start having any contractions until 5:00pm and they were just minor. Around 8:00pm the

doctor told us to go ahead and come in so they could put a monitor on Cole and make sure everything was OK. We got checked in around 9:00. Shortly after, Crystal's contractions picked up quickly and at 10:52 Cole arrived! He has been home for 2 weeks and both

he and Crystal are doing great. Of course, Matthew is after Matt, but Cole came from our dear friends and spiritual mentors who discipled us and taught us so much while we lived in Florida, Tim and Michelle Cole.



ADOLYN'S CHRISTMAS GIFT



OUR HOUSE WITH SNOW!



ANNA JAYMES TURNED 3

PHOTOS FROM THIS YEAR



AS YOU CAN SEE THERE IS NEVER A DULL MOMENT AROUND OUR HOUSE! WE CONTINUE TO BE BLESSED SO MUCH TO LIVE OUT ON SEVEN OAKS FARM AND EXPERIENCE LIFE IN THE COUNTRY! WE ARE PLANTING OUR FIRST GARDEN THIS SUMMER AND TRYING TO LEARN HOW TO LIVE OFF OF THE LAND AS MUCH AS WE CAN!



MATT

MATT IS HAVING THE TIME OF HIS LIFE BEING A DADDY! HE LOVES SPENDING TIME WITH THE GIRLS AND TAKES THEM WITH HIM ANYTIME HE CAN. THAT MEANS FEEDING HORSES, FISHING, HUNTING AND OF COURSE MSU BASEBALL GAMES. HE LOVES EVERY MINUTE SPENT ON CAMPUS DOING MINISTRY AND IS CURRENTLY MEETING WITH 15 GUYS EACH WEEK FOR DISCIPLESHIP, AS WELL AS SERVING AS THE CHAPLAIN FOR THE MSU BASEBALL TEAM, WHICH IS ALSO GOING GREAT!



CRYSTAL

CRYSTAL IS ADJUSTING TO A MOMMY OF THREE PRETTY WELL! SHE IS ENJOYING LEARNING MORE AND MORE HOW TO BE A BIBLICAL MOM BOTH THROUGH THE FUN TIMES AND TRIALS! SHE CONTINUES TO MEET WITH A SMALL GROUP EACH WEEK WHERE SHE SHARES HER LIFE AND SEEKS TO TEACH THEM IN THE WAYS OF TITUS 2.



ANNA JAYMES

ANNA JAYMES CONTINUES TO BE A DADDY'S GIRL. IF MATT IS OUTSIDE DOING ANYTHING SHE WANTS TO BE HELPING. SHE WENT DEER HUNTING WITH MATT AS MUCH AS SHE COULD AND ACTUALLY SHOT 3 DEER HERSELF...MATT HELD THE GUN AND SHE PULLED THE TRIGGER! NOW THAT IT'S SPRING THEY HAVE BEEN DOING A LOT OF FISHING TOGETHER! SHE IS REALLY INDEPENDENT AND HAS BEEN DOING EVERYTHING FROM GETTING DRESSED TO GOING POTTY ALL BY HERSELF! SHE IS LEARNING TO WRITE HER LETTERS AND LOVES TO READ AND LEARN ABOUT JESUS! IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT SHE WILL BE 4 IN OCTOBER!



ADOLYN

ADOLYN CONTINUES TO HAVE THE SWEETEST LITTLE PERSONALITY. SHE IS SO LAID BACK AND IS CONTENT DOING JUST ABOUT ANYTHING. SHE IS A SNUGLER AND IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEONE TO ROCK HER. SHE LOVES TO SING AND JUST HAS THE CUTEST LITTLE VOICE. SHE WILL BE TURNING 2 IN MAY, WHICH MEANS ITS ABOUT TIME TO START POTTY TRAINING!



COLE

WE GLADLY WELCOME OUR BABY BOY INTO OUR FAMILY! HE IS GOING TO BE SPOILED BY ALL THE KISSES HE RECEIVES FROM THE GIRLS!! HE HAS BEEN BACK TO THE HOSPITAL FOR A FEW MINOR TESTS AND PROCEDURES IN HIS FEW WEEKS OF LIFE, BUT PRAISE THE LORD HE IS A THRIVING AND HEALTHY BABY! THESE MINOR THINGS JUST MAKE US REALIZE HOW BLESSED WE HAVE BEEN TO HAVE ALL OF OUR CHILDREN SO HEALTHY.

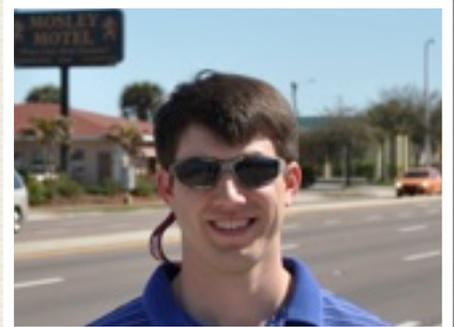
WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

“God is using the Jolley family to make an enormous, eternally significant mark on Mississippi State University and the Starkville community. Matt has been discipling me for the last couple of years. Meeting together weekly has been some of the most valuable time spent in college. Matt has invested in my life through prayer, the teaching of scripture, consistently offering counsel and wisdom, and simply the life that he lives. There are numerous others who have the same testimony about Matt and Crystal. Some of the greatest blessings have been going into their home and seeing the way in which Matt and Crystal serve each other, raise up Godly children, and display to guests what it looks like to be a Christ-like husband, wife, and parent. The Jolleys serve in numerous capacities all over Starkville, but my most valuable time is spent with Matt, talking about what it looks like to be a man of God on a day-to-day basis. Many of my tools for ministry in the future have been attained from the teaching and counsel of the Jolley family!”



WESLEY REMKUS
SENIOR EDUCATIONAL
PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

“Before I met Matt and Crystal I was just like the majority of most church attendees. I didn't have a personal time set apart in the day to study and meditate on God's Word. I grew up in church and could name most of the popular characters in the Bible and I could also find most scriptures with out any problem. I had a good knowledge of the Bible, but I didn't practice it in my everyday life. After meeting Matt and attending Phase 2 and Emmanuel on a regular basis, I first discovered Matt was different than any other teacher I had ever met. Matt has devoted his life to making sure Gods word is taught and lived out. Through the ministry and one-on-one meetings with Matt I feel more equipped and more close to God than ever before. I can honestly say that if it hadn't been for Matt and Crystal I would not be at the level of spiritual maturity that I am today. I hope to take what I have learned and gained in my 3 years at MSU under Matt and teach and minister to others in some way. Thank You so much for your love and support of this wonderful ministry.”



JONATHAN MOSLEY
SENIOR INDUSTRIAL
TECHNOLOGY MAJOR

"Matt and Crystal have been such a blessing to our entire baseball program. Matt has spent countless hours leading our coaches and players in bible studies each week. His leadership, perspective, and time has helped each of us grow spiritually and closer to God. Our players and coaches absolutely love him!! His bible studies with the team have meant so much to our program. He does an amazing job understanding what each of us are dealing with and explaining to us what God's word says. He also takes us out fishing and hunting on the farm where he lives, which is something everyone looks forward to, including myself. I killed my first deer with Matt this year...and 8pt Buck! Matt's "weekly emails" and individual time he spends discipling our players and coaches has been an answered prayer."



NICK MINGIONE
MSU BASEBALL COACH

SOLI DEO GLORIA

Glory to God alone. That is the meaning of the phrase above. It really sums up this past year for us. God has been so good to us and has blessed us and our ministry in so many ways we just want to give Him all the glory. Crystal and I have been learning and growing so much in our faith over the past year. When I look back over my Christian walk it's clear to me that the times of most growth have happened during times when I have been given the most responsibility.

For example when I first started working at Kanakuk Kamps as a college student I was given a cabin of 10 high school guys that I would spend the next 26 days with. I knew that they were looking to me as an example and I couldn't just talk the talk, but I had to walk the walk. Having the responsibility to lead them spiritually challenged me unlike anything before and forced me to start looking at every area of my life and making sure it was worthy to be followed.

When I took my first job as Area Director of St. Pete K-Life I knew that I was responsible to lead and set an example to over 100 kids and 15 leaders each week. I knew that the most important thing I had to set an example in was developing my own relationship with the Lord. That is when I consistently started getting up early and spending time alone each morning praying to the Lord and reading, studying, and meditating on His Word.

Once I got married I knew that I was now responsible to lead my wife and that grew me even more as I sought to be an example to her and a leader in our relationship.

But I have to say now that I have kids I have felt that responsibility greater than I ever have before. God has entrusted to

me three priceless gifts that have unlimited potential and it's up to me to teach them, train them, shape them, prepare them and equip them. The wonderful and scary thing is that they bring no bad habits, no preconceived ideas on how things should be, no expectations, and no knowledge of what is right or wrong. Don't get me wrong they aren't perfect little angels. They are born with a sinful nature and anyone who has kids can clearly see that from an early age. But I and every other Christian dad have been given the responsibility to "bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (Eph 6:4)

We see clearly in Deuteronomy 6: 1-9, that God's pattern for the teaching of His word is the fathers teaching the children. And not just in a sit down classroom type format, but also incorporating it into everything they are doing by always talking about God and His word.... "These words I am commanding You today shall be on Your heart. You shall teach them diligently to Your sons AND shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up." (v6-7)

It has become clear to me now that I have been meeting with college guys daily over the past two years how few fathers have taken the responsibility to teach their kids God's word. Just about all of the guys I meet with have grown up in Christian families and go to church, but hardly any of them know anything about the Bible and would be completely incapable of teaching it to someone else. And these guys are planning on getting married and starting a family in the next few years. So if they don't know God's word for themselves and have no

training to know how to study it and teach it, how in the world are they going to teach it to their kids when they have them?

Somewhere along the way the church has adopted programs and ministries to teach kids and youth, instead of focusing on teaching and training the fathers, so they can go back to their own home and teach their own kids. My heart is becoming more and more burdened to teach these young men how to "be a workman who knows how to rightly divide the word of truth (2 Tim 2:15) and to equip them for the work of service (Eph 4:12) of being a Biblical Father.

Crystal and I are seeing more and more how important it is to have these students in our home and around our family as much as possible so they can see us doing our best to teach our kids God's word and raise them to be equipped and prepared for the battle they will face against this world, our flesh and Satan. We aren't perfect and we make mistakes everyday, but we are praying and reading God's word as much as we can so we can get wisdom on how God wants us to raise our family according to His Word. If you have kids I encourage you to realize the responsibility you have been given and if you aren't already, start teaching your kids God's word and living it out before them.

We will always be thankful to Pastor Tim and Michelle Cole who were the first ones to really start teaching us God's word and to take us into their home to see how they lived it out and taught God's word to their kids. Without their example we would not be doing what we are today!

PHOTOS FROM THIS YEAR



THANK YOU TO:

1. THOSE WHO PRAY FOR US
2. THOSE WHO SUPPORT US FINANCIALLY
3. OUR CHURCH FAMILY
4. EVERYONE AT SEVEN OAKS FARM

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SPRING IS IN THE AIR

After living in Florida for 6 years it is nice to have seasons again! Don't get me wrong I would never complain about 70 degree weather all winter, but after a cold winter with many fires and lots of warm clothes it sure is nice to start wear t-shirts and shorts again! All of the trees and all of the ground that have been dead suddenly comes back to life. Green grass is everywhere, beautiful flowers are blooming all over the place and there are lots of different animals being born, including 3 baby horses on the farm where we live! I believe all of this is a picture of Christ's resurrection from the dead. Romans 1:20 tells us that "God's invisible attributes, His eternal power, and divine nature have been CLEARLY seen through

what has been made." At least here in Mississippi each spring God is reminding us of His power to bring the dead back to life, which he did nearly 2000 years ago when He brought His Son Jesus back to life. God's word makes it clear that Christ's death on the cross was the payment for our sins. Jesus was "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." Praise be to God that He took it upon Himself to pay for our sins and to offer us the gift of eternal life, which like every other gift is not something we have to work for, but simply receive. If you have not received the gift of eternal life you can do it right now by placing your faith in Christ. For those who have received the gift continue to thank God for it daily!