

THE NEW YORK MINUTE

David & Ashley Coffey



EMMA ELIA COFFEY* HAS BEEN BORN!

Praise God! After nine months of brewing, baby Emma has finally arrived! And just to show her

eagerness, she came a week early: August 10, 2018 just after midnight! Ashley has been recovering quickly, and Emma is developing quite the appetite. She is a healthy 7 lbs 4 oz and over 20" long; needless to say, we are some proud parents.

THE TRUE FATHER

We've always noticed how scripture is chalked full of metaphors about God's fatherhood of us. But they take on such deeper significance from a parent's perspective (even in just a few weeks!). Just as we run to the aid of our baby's frantic cries, so God knows just what we need when we cry out in confusion and fear and is faithful to provide for us. As we must be the ones to wipe away her messy diapers that never stop filling, so too we need Him to fully wash us from our refuse - selfishness and pride and hard-heartedness - which is

continually being revealed, even in the good we do. Just as the best place for her to rest and fall asleep is in her parents' capable arms, so too we find our greatest security in His embrace.

THE FATHER'S LOVE

Every time we love this baby girl, we're reminded of the infinite love of God for us and how it has utterly changed our lives. Grace shown to us, not because we could communicate, perform, please or thank, but because His heart is good and wise. As it has been said elsewhere, 'He loves us simply, because He loves us.' Praise God for this gift and bundle of joy. Pray that her life would bring joy to His heart.

**Pronounced Emma El-eye-uh*

Book

Parenting by Paul Tripp

Verse

Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.—*Joshua 1:9*

Prayer

- Emma Elia Coffey was born and is healthy and growing!
- Pray for Ashley's continued recovery and transition
- 9 new believers in Wildwood over the summer!
- NYU Welcome Wk events start Aug 27. Pray they foster meaningful relationships & real encounters with Christ
- 10 million multiplying disciples sent into the world by the year 2020

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HALF OF ALL NEW YORKERS SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT HOME

