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# FAM NEWSLETTER

CREEKSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOSTER AND ADOPTION MINISTRY



## APRIL ACTIVITIES

**15**  
CONTACTS OF  
ENCOURAGEMENT

**14**  
FREEZER MEALS

**3**  
MOTHER'S HELPER

**3**  
BIRTHDAY CARDS

**2**  
HANDYMAN

## Coffee and Connect May 3

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Coffee & Connect. It was a meaningful time to learn more about how we serve our families and how to get involved.

We are so grateful for each of you. This ministry and the impact we're able to have in foster families' lives wouldn't be possible without your support.

A special thank you to Shante McCleod from *Isaiah 117 House* for sharing about their work providing a safe and welcoming space for children entering foster care.

*Thank you for being part of what  
God is doing through this ministry*

May is

# FOSTER AWARENESS MONTH

Our families walk through both beautiful and challenging seasons, and your encouragement matters more than you know.



**Stop by the Missions Wall and leave a card to remind them they are seen, supported, and deeply cared for.**

# FAM

## Prayer Requests

*Please join us in lifting up these families in prayer this month.*

### **Kramer Family**

*Gabbie & Jason*

Continued prayer for Matthew. They received a new diagnosis which is putting them on a different path and different medication for him. They are optimistic about how this will help him. Continued prayers for Mackenzie while she is at boot camp. Thankful that Ayanna was accepted at USF.

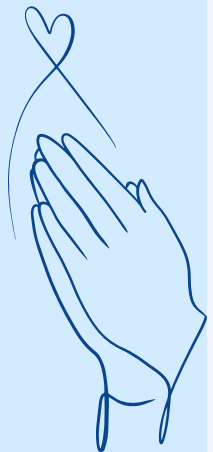
### **Mason/Healy Family**

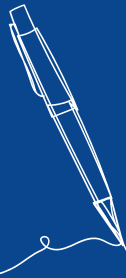
*Shewan & James*

Prayer for young mom that her will be settled regarding what is best for her new baby; previous children placed in adoption and initially new baby to be adopted but changed mind and still wondering if she should keep adoption plan, this is very difficult for her. Prayer for foster child Izzy and the therapeutic visits she is having with biological mother. Pray mom can be who Izzy needs her to be and be faithful to the process.

Prayers for Anna (foster who aged out of system but remained in home with James & Shewan along wither baby Alorah). Anna is graduating her educational program and doesn't want to Perdue college or work because she doesn't want Alorah to be in daycare. Prayers as she and Alorah will be transitioning out of James & Shewan's home and for Anna to make the best decisions for herself and Allorah's future.

Prayers for Shewan as she is working four nights a week assisting postpartum mothers. The work is rewarding and helps with bills but is definitely difficult on both Shewan and James. Prayers for Shewan's Grandmother who is 80 y/o and recently experienced a brain bleed (2 y/o head butt her by accident), since, she is experiencing numbness and pain in arm, she also is in need of a replacement pacemaker but her current pacemaker is over 15 years old and requires a specific specialist and there are few; also concerns about her ability to withstand surgery.





# Notes from our families

*Here are a few updates and words of gratitude shared by the families we support.*

## **Goodnight Family**

### *Sundy*

I believe it was Tuesday that you guys dropped off the freezer meals. We were already just going through it as a family, dealing with some really big behaviors, and I was already at my brain capacity.

Then you brought the meals, Wednesday morning or Wednesday night, and a bunch of things hit our home out of nowhere. It was a completely unexpected crisis with one of my kids, and it was honestly really hard. I can't even tell you how hard it was. I was so grateful for those meals. The hamburger tater tot casserole lasted two nights, the ravioli was gone in one night, and then the taco soup lasted us through Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. That food is what we ate every night because this mama's brain was just over it, and I did not have a second to breathe. We have just gone through the wringer, and having those meals in the middle of a crisis meant everything. The timing was incredible. The kids ate all of it, we truly needed it, and I'm so, so grateful.

Because of that support, I'm now in a place where I feel like I can cook again. Tonight we're having pork carnitas. The pork was already made, and I just have to put it together. You guys helped get us to this point. We were at a place where it was just survival, six kids, and now things are stabilizing. Diamond is actually eating real food again, and all six are now eating well, which is amazing.

I appreciate you guys so much, truly. Thank you for being on the lookout and for showing up for us. Thank you. Thank y'all for everything.



Our families  
were blessed  
to be part of the  
**Replanted**  
conference

*A multi-day event for foster and adoptive parents who need support. Through powerful speakers, practical breakouts, meaningful worship, and honest community, caregivers are encouraged, equipped, and reminded they're not alone in the journey.*



**Thank you for being part of FAM and for faithfully serving and loving families in our community.**



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