

There will be a Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds to help pay the medical expenses for baby Emeline Burr. Emeline is the daughter of Kimberly and Jesse Burr. She was born prematurely on April 11, 2017, and is fighting through medical challenges associated with her premature birth. Kimberly offers details of the circumstances with her family and her daughter below.

The Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the Anson Rescue Squad building on East Morgan Street in Wadesboro on Friday, August 11, serving lunch and dinner throughout the day. They will begin serving at 11 a.m., and continue until they are sold out. The serving will include spaghetti, slaw, a roll, dessert and a drink for \$8 per plate. Deliveries will be made for orders of 10 plates or more. Call 704-475-5995.

There will be several items up for raffle too.

Here is information provided by Kimberly Burr: My name is Kimberly Burr. I am looking for help to pay medical bills for my daughter that was born 6 weeks premature. On March 30, 2017 I was taken out of work due to pregnancy complications. On April 10, 2017 I was seen in the doctor's office and was feeling great. They did our weekly stress test on Emeline that looked fine. They took my blood pressure and it was 162/100. The doctor thought it was best if they sent me to the hospital to be monitored. I didn't think anything about it as I was going to the hospital almost weekly to be monitored. My mom Peggy Hooks was with me. I called my husband at work and told him I was going to the hospital to be monitored but not to worry and get off because I felt fine. I arrived at Moore Regional Hospital at 4 pm on that Monday afternoon. The nurses came in and set me up on the monitors, did lab work and a urine specimen. Around 5:30 pm I started feeling miserable. My head hurt really badly and I had become very nauseated. I told the nurses that the hospital just makes me sick. Around 7:30 pm Dr. Machin came in to deliver the news. She stated that my labs and urine specimen had come back and she diagnosed me with severe pre-eclampsia. She told me that my baby would have to be delivered and that they were not equipped to take care of a baby 6 weeks early. She gave me 2 options. I could be transferred to either Duke or Chapel Hill. I told her to send me to the best. She advised me she would call Duke and see if they could take me. She came back and told me that Duke was sending someone to pick me up. I was so nervous I was shaking like a leaf. All of a sudden the room filled up with nurses. They were starting me on all kinds of IV fluids including Magnesium to prevent seizures. They also started giving me steroids to help quickly develop Emeline's lungs. Transport arrived and took me Duke. I arrived at Duke at 11 pm that night. I was met there by my Pastor from my home church Mark Perko. My mother was able to ride the ambulance with me and my husband followed behind. My dad Billy Hooks stayed at home to care for my other child Chelsea who was 8 at the time. I saw 10 doctors before 5 am on April 11. It was decided that they would definitely need to deliver her as soon as possible. They planned my C-section for 1 pm. I had lots of people there for support. My brother Bill Hooks along with his wife Heather and their 2 children Ethan and Emery. Tammy Timmons, Marsha Kearney, my parents, Chelsea and my husband who never left my side Jesse. They took me back for my C-section around 2 pm and Emeline Faith was born at 4:11 pm. She was a tiny little squirt. She weighed 7 pound and 0.5 ounces and was 17 3/4 inches long. When she was born she had to be started on oxygen and was taken directly to the intensive care nursery. I was told before she was born that it would be 24 hours before I could see my little angel. After 24 hours I got to go see my bundle of joy. She was not eating well and her heart rate and oxygen continued to drop due to her lungs and heart not being fully developed. I was discharged on Friday and had to leave with no baby. This was very heart breaking. My family was offered a room at the Ronald McDonald House of Durham. I will be forever grateful for all they did for my family. They provided meals every night; they provided a spa day for parents and daily activities. When I checked out they did not ask for any type of payment for my stay. Emeline stayed at Duke for a total of 5 weeks. We had a lot of ups and downs during these 5 weeks. Emeline was diagnosed with Patent Ductus Arteriosus, Atrial Septum Defect and Pulmonary Stenosis. During our time at Duke we were told we would go home about 5 different times and then she would have a drop in her heart rate and oxygen levels. On May 16, 2017 the day I was scheduled to have Emeline we finally got to go home. I didn't tell anyone including her dad that we were coming home. Every time I had before something happened. I drove from Duke to Southern Pines to go see my husband at work with Emeline. He was so excited to see us. I called my mom on the way home to let her know that I would be doing Facebook live and to make sure my daughter was on there watching. When the 3 of us got home we went on Facebook live and announced we had finally made it home. Chelsea was so excited and could not wait to get home to her little sister. Emeline has done well since she has been home. She sleeps with a heart monitor every night. Emeline is being followed closely by a cardiologist to monitor her heart and the holes to see if they are going to require surgical intervention. Her next appointment is August 2.

My family and friends have offered to help do a fundraiser/benefit to help cover the medical bills that are piling up. My job started calling me when Emeline was just 6 days old wanting to know when I was going to come back to work. They knew the situation that I was in with my baby in the NICU but it did not matter. Before we were discharged from Duke I received a letter terminating me from my job. My husband has spent all of his vacation, sick and personal time while we were in the hospital. I have not been able to return to work full-time due to no daycare will take Emeline with a heart monitor.

Aware? Or Beware!

This is a release from Mary Lynn Railton at the Anson County Health Department: We are created male and female, sexual creations, created by the act of sexual intercourse. Sexual health and behavior is part of every person's life. Our behavioral choices are based upon our knowledge, our environment, our belief system and our culture. Risky sexual behavior results in unplanned pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted infections (STI's), including HIV.

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