

THE GAMBLE GAZETTE

The World's Finest Family Newsletter

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Church Life

We got a lot more involved in our local church this year. James has been active in the men's ministry and has been able to help with several service projects through that group.

Anneke has been heavily involved in MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) and is making connections with other young mothers.

We both led a small/life group during the fall as well and we're looking forward to some of the service projects planned for next year.

We are thankful for our local church and feel like we're a part of something special.



Introducing Baby Jack

On February 1st, 2021 at 6:09 PM ET, weighing in at 7lbs and 9oz, God blessed us with James Dudley Gamble III aka Baby Jack. He is an amazing little boy and we're so grateful that he's ours. For those of you that haven't met him (yet), he's a pretty chill little boy. He's not much of a crier, likes to share his toys with other children, and smiles easily. As of this writing (Fall, 2021), he has begun to crawl and seems like he'll be taking his first steps by the end of the year. His favorite food is still milk, but he's also partial to waffle fries, lemons, sweet potatoes, and oatmeal.

Both of us agree that he looks like Anneke, but has James' cheeks and chin. Between the two of us, Jack had no chance of having small hips or legs. As of November 1st, 2021, he weighed in at 22lbs and is 29 inches long. He is happy and healthy and we're blessed that he is a part of our lives. Our goals for 2022 are to teach him how to use the potty on his own, or at least let us know when he needs to go. We're also working on learning words. Right now Jack can say "Mama" and "Dada", and sometimes "Heeey".



Travels

We haven't been able to travel much during 2021, but we did have a few adventures. During the spring, we visited the local Renaissance Faire as well as the St. Petersburg Pier. In August, we spent a week on Coeur d'Alene, Idaho to visit Anneke's family and friends. When we returned from Idaho, we headed over to Cocoa Beach, Florida for a beach weekend. During that trip we visited Kennedy Space Center and Buc-ee's. In October, we made our annual pilgrimage to Hunsader Farm's annual pumpkin festival and had a wonderful time. Just after Jack's birthday in 2022, we're going on a cruise to the Bahamas, something we're really excited for.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We'd like to wish you all a happy holiday season and our prayers for you to have a happy and healthy 2022.

We read to him most days, and we sing a lot of silly songs. We've been trying to introduce him to things that are more low key. One show he especially loves is a YouTube channel called Country Life Vlog, which follows a family as they grow vegetables, cook, and take care of their animals.

Jack has some nice wooden toys, lots of books, and several toys that help him to better coordinate his body. James has already started saving for Jack's college fund, but we also hold out hope that he'll become a star athlete or invent a cure for a big disease so his parents can retire early.

In August, Jack had his first plane ride as we traveled to Idaho to spend some time with Anneke's parents. And in February of 2022, Jack will experience his first cruise ship as well as his first time leaving the country. We're excited to be able to show Jack so many fun places and we're hoping that he will develop a love of adventure and an interest in the world around him. We also hope that Jack will get a chance to meet all of our extended family and friends as the clouds of COVID lift and life returns to normal.

