

President's Message Family

Some things actually do trump fishing. Yes, I actually said that. If you know me at all you must be reading this and shaking your head from the left to right. It's true. I have come to the realization that a few things in life are simply more important. The first and foremost is family. On December 4th, 2015, my granddaughter, Maeli Marie Zephaniah Bassuk was born into this world.



I received a call from my son-in-law Matthew Bassuk at 8:10 in the morning telling me that "it's going to happen today." I wasn't ready. He wasn't ready. My daughter wasn't ready. OMG, this baby is four and a half weeks early. Everything was dropped and I was on the road to Dallas. My baby girl was having a baby girl!!!

I won't go on and on about how amazingly beautiful she is or that her Einstein like IQ was

immediately noticed by not one or two or three but all four grandparents. Nor will I mention that she appears to have the aptitude to cast better than Rob Burlingame or Todd Fleming. I will simply say this. My heart stopped when I entered the birthing room and saw the love in my daughter's face for her child. I so clearly remember my lovely wife giving birth. And now, our daughter was a mother. There is simply nothing on this earth more beautiful than the pure love that exists between a mother and her newborn child. I was speechless, utterly speechless. Those of you who know me well have now resumed shaking your head from left to right. :-)

What's the point to all of this blubbing you may ask? It's obvious. Hug the ones you love and the ones who love you. This is the holiday season. We have all just celebrated Thanksgiving and now we are entering the Christmas season. Most of our members are men and men aren't usually the emotional or sentimental type. It doesn't matter. Hug your wife and thank her for putting up with you and your fishing hobby. Tell your children you love them dearly too. Remember, when we are on our death bed we won't be thinking about the one that got away. We will be thinking of our family. God bless us all and our families too.

Tight Lines!

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