

CHRISTMAS MIRACLE

Smyrna couple welcomes new family member

Blake Morrow, brother to share birthday

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While some residents awoke to a dusting of a white Christmas, one Smyrna family celebrated a holiday miracle of a different kind.

Blake Russell Morrow was born at 6:25 a.m. Saturday at Middle Tennessee Medical Center to Terra and Eric Morrow of Hudder's Field Road.

"I was not expecting to have the baby (on Christmas)," said mother Terra.

Yet the 9-pound newborn wasn't the only Christmas baby for the Morrows. One of Blake's six siblings, 10-year-old Matthew, was also born on Christmas Day.

"He's very excited that he'll have a brother to share his birthday with," Terra said.

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Blake Morrow was born to parents Terra and Eric Morrow of Smyrna on Christmas Day at Middle Tennessee Medical Center. His brother, Matthew, was born on Christmas Day 10 years ago.

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Father Eric Morrow said that his wife woke him early Saturday morning.

"It was pretty exciting. She grabbed me saying, 'Oh, no! Ouch!'" he explained, noting that the clock read 6:07 a.m.

He said there was a mad dash to get all of the children into the car and to the Murfreesboro hospital.

"We just got a new car (Friday) that is big enough for the whole family. Be-

fore that we would have to take two cars. We had just put the car seats in last night," Eric said.

By the time the Morrow family did reach the medical facility, Terra's contractions were coming every two minutes.

"She did it without so much as a Tylenol," Eric said. "It happened so fast. It makes me realize how much we take for granted. I'll never get mad if my sausage biscuit is slow at McDonald's."

During the rush to get to MTMC and the six children out the door, Eric said they were still in the paja-

mas and one had arrived with no shoes on. Brother Matthew, who will share his birthday with Blake, was the only sibling to be able to hold his new baby brother.

"He's very excited to have a brother to share his birthday with. He's all tickled," Eric said.

The new baby Blake was welcomed Christmas morning by his parents and brothers and sisters, Michael, 12; Matthew, 10; Ethan, 3; Eric Jr., 1; Abby, 10; and Emma, 7.

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