

A Personal Word

FROM THE COILE FAMILY

Beloved friends in the LORD and faithful supporters of FEMI,

It is with heavy hearts and deep sorrow that we share the news of the passing of our cherished husband and beloved father, Freddie Coile. On the early morning of September 1, 2024, Freddie passed from this world and into the loving embrace of our Savior. Even in his final days, Freddie remained steadfast in his passion for preaching the Gospel, embodying the very teachings he shared with us all—that our purpose on earth is to serve the Lord and make Him known to those around us.

Even as he faced the battle with cancer, Freddie taught us that “when disaster strikes, even cancer, we don’t need probabilities; we need certainties. Certainties that can only come from God.” During these most difficult days that we have faced, we cling to the certainties given to us by God. Though Freddie is no longer with us in body, we find comfort in the assurance that he is present with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8). We hold fast to the hope offered through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, knowing that we will see Freddie again—free from pain, cancer, and sorrow, in his glorified body. He isn’t with us here, but instead, he is in the presence of the One he fixed his eyes upon (Hebrews 12:1-2). In Revelation 21:3-5, John writes, “And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.”

While we find comfort in the knowledge that Freddie is no longer suffering and is now with the Lord, we still grieve deeply for our loss here on earth. Freddie was

not only a faithful minister of the Word but also a loving father, a devoted husband, and a godly leader for our family. His absence leaves a tremendous void in our lives. Yet, in these days of mourning, we turn to God with the same cry as David in Psalm 61:1-4: “Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.” We will continue to seek refuge in the Rock of our faith, our Shelter, and Strong Tower.

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So, what now?

We recognize that Freddie’s passing leaves a significant void in the FEMI ministry and may raise questions about its future. We want to assure you that the core mission of Focus Evangelistic Ministries, Inc. remains steadfast: to preach the Gospel clearly to anyone we can reach, and to train the saved how to live. This ministry goal remains in the hearts of our entire family. Josiah has taken on the role of president of FEMI and will continue to uphold and advance the ministry that Freddie began. Camps and events at Grace Farm will proceed as planned, and we are committed to honoring Freddie’s legacy by continuing to make Christ known through these efforts.



Freddie's Obituary

Click here to find the details for the memorial service:
<https://www.lordandstephens.com/obituaries/freddie-coile>

Memorial services will be held at Northside Baptist Church on Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 10:30 until 11:30 am. In lieu of a visitation, the family will have a coffee hour in the fellowship hall before the service from 9:30 until 10:30 am for anyone who wants to come. We are also hosting a Legacy Dinner in honor of Freddie at Grace Farm for those who can RSVP. All the details are in the link above.

Northside Baptist Church
825 Danielsville Rd.
Athens, GA 30601

But what about you, Janet?

So many sweet friends have reached out to check on me. I am so grateful for the love and support. Please know that if I don't respond to a question, text, phone call or offer for help that it is not that I'm not appreciative of your concern. I'm just still processing it all and am taking things a step at a time. I might be able to tackle a few more questions after the memorial service and legacy dinner next week. Sometimes I just need to cry and be okay with the abundance of tears. Sometimes I just need to be by myself or with the kids so I can feel like no one will try to fix what is broken. Other times I will really desperately want to make plans for something fun that won't have anything to do with grief at all. I know that sorrow lasts for a season, but "joy comes in the morning."

Thank you for your unwavering support and prayers during this time. May God's peace and comfort be with you as we all navigate this loss together.

With hope founded in Christ,
Janet, Josiah (Denita), Eden, Benjamin, and Bethany Coile