

Hello we are...

Britt & Karl



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Our Hopes and Dreams...

Ever since we met, we have dreamed of growing our family. We can't wait to experience all of the love and joy a child can bring to a family. We imagine our home will be filled with laughter and tears, hugs and kisses, and an infinite amount of unconditional love.

Falling in love with each other has shaped who we are. We are each other's best friend. We rely on each other to balance out our strengths and weaknesses and we support each other's goals and interests. Most importantly, we have grown together in and through our faith.

After discovering that we could not conceive on our own, we immediately turned to adoption. Adoption was an easy decision for us as we have watched many of our close friends and family be blessed by adoption. We are humbled God chose the path of adoption for us as it is an amazing journey that so very few get to experience. We are excited to live out the next chapter of our life with a child.

Our child will be exposed to sound morals and values, a quality education, and a faith-based life with ongoing support and encouragement. They will have the opportunity to experience life through vacation and travel opportunities as well as adventures in our community. We are excited to watch our child grow and develop in their personality. We most look forward to our everyday moments with our child including reading to them each night, morning coffee and cuddles on the deck, and evening snuggles by the fireplace.

We understand making an adoption plan is the toughest decision you will ever make. We hope and pray God will wrap his loving arms around you, filling you with a sense of peace. Not a day will go by where your act of love will be forgotten. There is no greater gift than the gift of adoption and we are humbled by your selflessness. We promise to love your child unconditionally and support them through all of life's journeys.

Warmest Wishes,

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Our values and beliefs as parents...



Faith - Our faith in God is the foundation on which we have built our marriage. The peace of mind that comes with knowing we are not alone through life's journey is unsurmountable. We were both raised in the church and attended Sunday School and Confirmation. We are blessed to be a part of a family centered church that encourages and supports many family events. We will encourage and support our child's growth in faith by teaching them to pray and involving them in worship by ushering, serving communion, and teaching the concept of tithing at an early age. As a family, we will seek out opportunities to serve others such as sponsoring new families in our church and purchasing gifts at Christmas for the Angel Tree.



Education - We both grew up in families who modeled the value of education each and every day. Working as a teacher, Britt has witnessed firsthand how many struggle when education is not a priority. As lifelong learners, we are committed to supporting our child in their education by being their number one cheerleader, encouraging them to participate in activities and meet new friends, and holding them accountable for the decisions they make. We look forward to the many teachable moments we will have with our child whether it be learning their ABC's, experiencing a new life skill, or meeting adversity for the first time.



Family - We have a strong support system that we call our family. We were both fortunate to grow up in an environment where time was shared between immediate and extended family and we continue to foster this special time with our family as adults. We take advantage of any excuse, big or small, to get together with our family whether we are gathering for dinner, celebrating someone's birthday, going on a camping trip, or just dropping by for a visit. We cannot wait to share our family with our child and know they will always be surrounded by unconditional love and support. We will always put our family first over work and other commitments. We will make sure that we are spending time together as a family as well as individually with our child so they know how important and loved they are.



Healthy Lifestyle - We commit to God every day to engage in a healthy lifestyle to preserve the body He gave us. We model healthy eating and staying active. We enjoy taking walks together and riding bike and cannot wait to include our child in these activities. We both love to ride bike and cannot wait to purchase a bike trailer and take family bike rides on the many biking trails in our area. As our child grows older, we will encourage participation in team sports and extracurricular activities that fuel the mind, body, and soul.

Having Fun - As the old saying goes, "Laughter is the best medicine." We couldn't agree more and believe that many of life's challenges can be solved with a good laugh! Having fun is an essential part of life and so important for our mental health and perspective. As parents, we will work to ensure our child has abundant opportunities to have fun and enjoy life. We look forward to bringing our child to their first high school football game and inviting friends over for playdates. We also look forward to taking our child to all of our local attractions each summer such as the zoo, amusement park, local museum, waterpark, playgrounds, hiking trails, campgrounds and hosting family game nights. Above all, we strongly believe in laughing at our mistakes and not taking life too seriously.

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Our home...

Our home is our favorite place to be! It is the first home we purchased together as a married couple and it holds a ton of special memories. Our most treasured memory in our home was this past Christmas when for the first time we were able to decorate the fireplace mantle and hang a stocking for the baby that we can't wait to meet. It was a precious moment filled with the Christmas spirit that we will always remember.

We live in a quiet neighborhood on the outskirts of town. There are many young children in our neighborhood who enjoy playing together. Many of our neighbors have swing sets, trampolines, and swimming pools that the neighbor children enjoy playing together in. We are also lucky to have an elementary school nearby and new park just a block away! It is an absolutely beautiful playground and we cannot wait to take our child there!

Our home is beautiful, inviting, and spacious. We love the warmth of rich colors and painted our house with that in mind. We recently finished our basement and love having the extra space to entertain and play. The coziest part of our home is our fireplace where we spend many winter nights watching movies and reading books.

During the week, our favorite time of day, by far is every evening when we can exercise, take walks, enjoy dinner together, and relax and unwind from the day. Our favorite homemade dinner is lasagna, it is absolutely delicious. On a cold, winter day it is the perfect comfort food and it makes great leftovers!

Like most families, we love the weekends. Our mornings are spent sitting on the deck, drinking coffee, and enjoying the sunrise. Although we thoroughly enjoy a spontaneous dinner date, one of our greatest joys in life is entertaining our friends and family at our home. In the summer you will find us grilling on our deck or enjoying our fire-pit while listening to country music. Yard games are another favorite activity of ours in the summer and Spikeball has become a recent family favorite! During the winter months we enjoy hosting game nights.

We cannot wait to have another person to love and to watch grow and develop in their personality and the energy they will bring to our home. As Benjamin Franklin once said, "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." Involve me is just what we intend to do. We cannot wait to read to our child every night and have been hard at work collecting books to fill our home library!

The nursery is ready and waiting! Both sets of grandparents had a hand in putting together the nursery, from shopping for the decor to helping put the furniture together. The crib and changing table are a dark, espresso brown and the room is accented in turquoise. One of our close friends knitted a stuffed teddy bear that is occupying the crib until our child arrives to take its place! Our child will be at the heart of our family activities and we look forward to watching them learn and grow firsthand through everything we do.



- Both non-smokers

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:

Yoga, volleyball, writing, reading, baking, cooking, crafting, traveling, playing board games, camping

Adoptive Father:

Cycling, volleyball, golfing, reading, watching sports & movies, traveling, grilling, yard projects, camping, fishing

Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Middle School Teacher

Adoptive Father: Senior Attorney

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree

Adoptive Father: Doctoral Degree



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Our family...

We met more than 10 years ago when we were setup by my cousin and her husband. Karl had moved in across the street from them. One day, when I was babysitting their children, I noticed the neighbor guy across the street coming home for lunch. For about 6 months thereafter, I would conveniently make sure that whenever I was babysitting, the kids and I were playing outside right around the noon hour so I could get a glimpse of the neighbor guy. I hoped and prayed that he would notice me, but unfortunately he was in his own little world!

But God's hands were in this, because as my cousins grew to know Karl, they thought we might be a perfect match. They invited us both over one night and we hit it off, leaving their house around midnight and exchanging phone numbers in the street while my cousins spied on us from the kitchen window. The following night Karl invited me to his house and we talked until 3:00 a.m.. It didn't bother me one bit that I had to work at 7:00 a.m. as something just felt right about it. The rest, as they say, is history!



We have many strengths as individuals and are even stronger as a couple. Britt has a non-judgmental heart and a ton of unconditional love for everyone she meets. She is forgiving, organized, detail oriented, and an excellent writer. Karl is unbelievably thoughtful, always putting others before himself. He is level-headed, an excellent leader, humble, and selfless. As a couple, we take a team approach to life and are active in our community, honest and supportive of one another, flexible in all that we do, and are excellent listeners and communicators.

Our time together is always filled with lots of laughs and entertainment. We have grown to enjoy several activities together as a couple. Some of our favorite activities include camping, co-ed volleyball, downhill skiing, attending church and bible study, traveling, and hosting family and friends at our home.

Our family has many special family traditions that have been passed down and continued in our family including Independence Day, trips to Dairy Queen and our local state park, and sleigh rides and hay rides at the farm. Independence Day is a huge celebration in our community. People come from all over the country to attend our Independence Day parade, rodeo, and vendor fair. Britt's parents host a barbecue after the parade every year. As a child, Britt's parents would often load up her and her siblings on a whim, stop at Dairy Queen for ice cream, and then take a drive through the local state park to enjoy the scenery and each other's company. We have continued this tradition with Britt's parents about once every month. Every fall Britt's aunt and uncle host a hay ride at their farm where friends and family from all around come to enjoy. Around Christmas time, they bring their horses to town and participate in a Santa Clause day where kids can have their pictures taken with Santa and then enjoy hot chocolate and a sleigh ride. We enjoy cooking and helping out with both of these events every year and cannot wait to see the excitement on our child's face the first time they get to experience this!

Our family will embrace our new family member and will love them unconditionally. There will never be a doubt in their mind that they are loved.



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