

Hello we are...

Tyler & Sarah



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Our Hopes and Dreams...

We have always dreamed of sharing our lives and love with a child. Little did we know when we started dating so many years ago, Sarah's dream of adopting one day would be our answer to starting our family.

We've literally grown up together and have been through some of the best days of life together. We love being together, but we also have our own individual interests. We are quirky together, and feel comfortable being our complete selves with one another.

Tyler will be a wonderful dad. He is patient with children and you can tell that he cares about them by the way he interacts with the children in our lives. I know he looks forward to father-daughter/son time and creating memories just like he did with his own dad. Sarah is very compassionate and caring towards children and has a wealth of experience with children of all ages. Her teaching and nanny careers are evident of her genuine love and mentoring of children. There is no doubt that she will be a great mother to any child and will nurture them whole heartedly.

Together we will provide a child unconditional love, stability, and the opportunities to thrive. We have a solid marriage, are financially prepared to grow our family, and are emotionally ready to welcome a child into our lives. If our child wants to play basketball, be a gymnast, or play an instrument, we will give him or her the opportunities to do so. We will love and care for our child with our whole hearts, bodies, and soul.

We don't know you just yet, but we have been praying for you already. We pray that you have peace and comfort in your decision. We will never completely understand what you are going through and can only imagine the feelings you may have. Yet, we are sure your decision to consider adoption is one that requires strength and courage. We admire and honor you and your bravery. If you select us to parent your child, we will love and care for your child every day of his or her life. We will provide your child love, comfort, care, safety, education, and every opportunity possible. Your child will be loved unconditionally.

Warmest Wishes,

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Our values and beliefs as parents...



Being Genuine and Kind - We believe being kind and genuine builds respect and nurtures positive relationships. We were both raised to be kind and respectful to others. We put others' needs in front of our own and help others when needed. In Sarah's classroom, the #1 rule is for students to be kind to one another. We want our child to know that being kind and compassionate to others is more important than an A on a spelling test or being the best baseball player. We want our child to exhibit genuine kindness even when no one is watching, by holding a door for someone, playing with a lonely student at recess, or letting an elderly person have a seat.



Family - We both grew up with our extended families living close by and spending quality time with them. We value having this love, support, and people we can rely on, and want this for our child as well. One of Tyler's favorite memories is watching his grandma make noodles from scratch, and Sarah's is eating her grandmother's delicious apple pie. Cooking isn't the only thing we hope is passed down through the generations, we have learned many life lessons about stability and strength. We look forward to spending time with our siblings and nieces and nephews, and watching our child develop close relationships with their cousins so they too will experience the stable and loving support of our family.



Education - We both graduated from college, obtaining degrees in the same fields in which we work. Sarah chose to be a teacher because she feels so strongly about the importance of education. We know that every child learns differently and believe one of the best ways to learn is through play and experiences. We will provide our child with many opportunities to do that through where we live and the life we will have together. We think our property provides many ways for our child to learn - through exploring nature and seeing wildlife right out the back door. From a young age, we look forward to reading books and singing songs with our child, and when our child is old enough to go to school, he or she will attend public school in the district where Sarah teaches. We will continue to plant the seed for knowledge and hope our child decides to continue his or her education after high school.



Faith - We both grew up attending church and believe the values we learned provide a strong foundation for us as children and as adults. We attend a small church close to home, we especially like that there are many children who attend so our child will easily make friends from church. We also feel it is important to volunteer and give back to our community. Sarah has volunteered at our church's Vacation Bible School. We look forward to sharing all these values with our child and he or she discovering their own faith as they get older.

Fun - Having fun is a huge part of our day to day lives. We enjoy life and love to laugh together. We can't wait to have a child in our lives to laugh and have fun with. We enjoy camping, boating and kayaking on the river near our home, riding bikes around the lake, and going to musicals, shows, and concerts together or with friends. From singing in the car, dancing in the kitchen, to enjoying a fantastic vacation, we try to find fun wherever we go. We want our child to grow up loving life and living it to the fullest.

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Our home...



- Both non-smokers

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:

Reading, photography, traveling, being outdoors, camping, boating, kayaking, gardening, watching sports, spending time with family and friends

Adoptive Father:

Hunting, fishing, boating, camping, kayaking, improving our property, traveling, watching sports, spending time with family and friends.

Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Third Grade Teacher

Adoptive Father: County Engineer

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree

We live on a large acreage in the country. Rural life is unlike urban areas or even subdivisions, we think it's better in so many ways. During the holidays treats are often dropped off by neighbors and nearby friends, May baskets are delivered to your doorstep, and neighbors occasionally ask for or lend a hand. Everyone waves when they drive by or stops to chat. The employees at the local hardware store knows you by name and let you stop in after hours in an emergency. There are several parks nearby and just short distances away, we have movie theaters, bowling alleys, pools, waterparks, recreational trails, beaches, a large lake for boating and fishing, rivers and campgrounds.

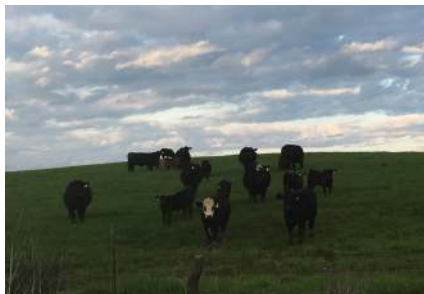
Our property is 80 acres, that is about the size of 61 professional football fields, so there is plenty of outdoor space! We have about 2 acres of lawn area, and many mowed trails for walking and exploring in the timber. We are just settling in to our new property and eventually plan to have a garden, orchard, and more trails for our child to explore. Sarah grew up in the country and loves the time outside she shared with her brothers and cousins. They loved exploring the land around their home, and they each had their own special spot for a "fort." Growing up, Tyler spent most days outside in the yard or camping, mostly getting dirty. We look forward to our child growing up in the country, exploring the outdoors, running through creeks, building forts, and not being afraid to get dirty.

We recently bought our property and couldn't wait to live on it. We have a large covered porch where Tyler spends the early mornings, his favorite time of day, watching the birds on the feeders and the dogs play in the yard. We also have a hammock where we lounge and a firepit by the creek where our friends and family join us after a home cooked meal. We have a TV and projector set up in a large common area so friends and family can come over to watch sporting events.

Our living space is cozy, comfortable, and inviting. A couple antique pieces passed down are the focal points of our kitchen; an antique Hoosier-Style cabinet was passed down from Sarah's great grandmother, and a red and white enamel kitchen table passed down from Tyler's great grandparents. Throughout the house we have furniture that Tyler's dad and grandpa built together as well. All these pieces of furniture are special to us and make our house a loving home.

Sarah's grandma makes beautiful quilts, and she has made one for each new baby in our family. She has known the longing in our hearts for a child. When we visited her one day recently, she took me to her bedroom and spread out on the bed was the most beautiful baby quilt. As I looked at the quilt ready and waiting for our child, we both began to cry. Our child's great grandma has already made him or her this precious gift, only given to the children in our family.

We are so excited to share our lives and loving home with our child. We look forward to watching our child learn about the world around them. We look forward to the sound of a child laughing and playing. We are excited to have play dates with cousins and friends. We look forward to eating meals as a family and talking about our days together. Having a child is something we've imagined for many years!



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Our family...

We have been together for more than 17 years and married for 10 wonderful years. We went to the same school so we have known each other for as long as we can remember. We started dating when Sarah was a junior and Tyler was a freshman. We started spending time together on a band trip to the Liberty Bowl in Memphis over New Year's in 2000. When we returned, he wrote his phone number on my periodic table from chemistry class. From there, the rest is history! We went on to college and continued to build great memories together.

As a couple, we have grown together, and are more in love today than we have ever been. We have the same beliefs and values, and we know the importance of helping others, being kind, compassionate, and generous. We know how to have fun together, and love each other unconditionally.

Tyler is extremely hard working. He is detail-oriented and loves to research things before making a decision. He can fix anything around the house, and takes pride in knowing he built most of our home with help from family and friends. He is compassionate to others, generous with his skills and time, and loves his family. Sarah is kind and loving, and she loves children. She takes her job seriously and works hard to do her best for the students in her classroom. She is smart, creative, and funny. She always exhibits a positive attitude. We love spending time together and share many of the same interests.



We both grew up in supportive, loving households surrounded by family that cared about teaching us how to choose between right and wrong. Family lives nearby and we enjoy spending time with them as much as we can. We look forward to the kids all growing up together like we did with our cousins. Aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents all get together on holidays and it is always an event we look forward to. We always have way too much food, and you can always hear the noise of cousins running around and having fun together.

We have so many great memories from when we were growing up and look forward to creating memories like these with our child. We always go camping on Memorial Weekend and Labor Day Weekend. We have many great memories enjoying cookouts, playing games, fishing, and boating with our friends and family and we can't wait to start yearly camping trips with our friends who have young children. We celebrate the 4th of July enjoying a local pancake breakfast, a parade, seeing close friends, and a cookout with family. We will continue attending college football games, and will attend at least one game a season together as a family.

On Easter, we always attend Sunrise Service in a nearby town. We love watching the light come through the beautiful stained-glass windows as the sun rises. Sarah's family has a fun tradition on Thanksgiving where everyone brings a type of food made with a specific ingredient. Sarah won a couple of years ago when the ingredient was bacon. There is even a traveling turkey trophy! Baking Christmas cookies, opening PJ's on Christmas Eve, and going to Christmas Eve church services as a family are all traditions we are looking forward to. On Christmas morning, we want our child to wake up at home to enjoy the holiday like we both did when we were young. It is really important to us to create experiences that our child will cherish for a lifetime.



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