

Hello we are...

Brian & Rebekah



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Our Hopes and Dreams...

Our dream has always been to be parents. For Rebekah, it's hard to ever remember a time when that wasn't her dream. She grew up as an older sister of brothers more than ten years younger than herself. She loved the fun and responsibilities that came with being their "second mom." Playing and laughing with them, watching them develop as they learned to crawl, walk and then ride a bike are some of her most treasured memories.

We married shortly before Brian started law school and spent years building our lives together before we tried to start a family. We had always thought we would have both biological and adopted children. You see, Rebekah's heart yearned for adoption after spending two amazing days at an orphanage during a college trip to Kenya in East Africa. Brian looks forward to the fun memories he will make with his child and watching his child experience new things. We now understand God's plan is for us to become parents through adoption.

We will provide a child a stable home with unconditional love. The type of home needed to create a lifetime of positive childhood memories. We will provide our child the financial, spiritual, and emotional resources they need to become the best person they can be. We will surround them with a community of family and friends who will love and protect them while providing them the foundation to discover their own likes and dislikes.

Rebekah will be a stay-at-home mom to personally care for our child. She will always be there to provide an encouraging word, a comforting smile, and hug whenever our child wants or needs one. Brian has a very stable job that provides for our needs as a family. It also blesses him with the opportunity to be home for dinner every night. He will be there to provide fatherly care and affection every evening. Our child will grow up with the knowledge they are deeply loved and cared for by both of us.

For every mother reading our story, we respect you and think you are courageous. We are sure this is not an easy decision and pray that you have peace with all the decisions you make.

Blessings,

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Our values and beliefs as parents...



Faith - We love God and want to honor Him in all that we do. Our faith is the fuel that helps us be loving, respectful, and a blessing to others. It is our Christian faith that helps us determine how we spend our time at home and with our friends, what activities we choose to do, and encourages us to continually strive to be honest, humble, and loving toward others. Sharing our faith will be part of our everyday activities with our child. We will read books, sing songs, and find ways for our child to develop relationships with friends and family who are similarly motivated by their own faith. We will pray regularly with our child as well as pray for him or her every day.



Love - Love is kind, patient, and encouraging, and is the foundation for many other positive character traits. It is our deep committed love for one another that causes us to always look for ways we can encourage one another. It is our deep seeded love that helps us sustain relationships with family and friends even when thousands of miles separate us. We are always looking for ways to show love to our family and friends, whether that's organizing a game night at our home, bringing a meal to their home, or helping them pack and move. We will teach our child love by always listening and being there for him or her, as well as integrating learning opportunities in our daily activities like sharing toys with a friend.



Education - Education is extremely important to us, but not education for education's sake. The point of education is to learn the skills and knowledge needed to be a successful, employable adult who is able to help others. This means that life skills like learning to cook, clean, and get along with others are just as important as school subjects. This also means that going to a trade school is as valuable as going to college, if it gives you the knowledge and skills needed to do what you love. We want our child to learn as much as they can and have the courage to learn new skills as they grow up. Doing your best at all school subjects is important. To that end, we want our child to know we will do whatever we can to support them in the areas they struggle to learn, and will challenge them to learn more in the areas they find easy. Whatever types of education will provide the best experiences and learning environment for our child is what we will do.



Be a Blessing to Others - We believe that our lives are a gift from God that should be used as a blessing to others. We regularly look for ways to be an encouragement to those around us, whether that is making meals for those in need or watching other family's children so they can have a much needed date night. We look forward to including our child in the ways we enjoy helping others. This might include delivering a meal, joining a church cleanup day, or sitting in the car longer because a friend needed a ride home.

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Our home...

Our small Maryland neighborhood is within a day's drive of many different cultural experiences. We enjoy taking trips into Washington DC to enjoy the Smithsonian museums, parks, monuments and sometimes the festivals. We look forward to taking pictures with our child at the Cherry Blossom Festival and sharing the zoo animals with him or her. We are also looking forward to experiencing the many themed playgrounds in the area with our child. Our favorite is based on The Wizard of Oz, complete with Dorothy's slippers as slides.

We live in a friendly, quiet and diverse neighborhood. The neighbors are kind people who have young toddlers, school aged kids, and a few with young adults. It is a great place to raise a child. In the evening we can hear the neighborhood kids playing catch in the open area next to our home. The community pool and wading area are very popular all summer long. It's common to see families splashing around together. We enjoy relaxing at the pool and taking walks around the neighborhood.



Our home is comfortable and spacious. Our main floor is simply decorated with pictures we have painted and photos of family. Rebekah's mother describes our home as peaceful, welcoming and relaxing. Our friends enjoy kicking back and relaxing around our dining room table after a meal and meaningful conversation or gathering in the living room for board games full of laughter and silliness. Some of our favorite memories of times at home are game nights, either planned ones with a mixture of friends, or the spur of the moment ones when Rebekah's youngest brother drops by on a whim. We look forward to playing games with our child and hosting planned and spur of the moment play dates for our child and their friends.

- Both non-smokers

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:

Sewing, playing piano, reading, swing dancing, cooking and baking, hiking, playing board and card games

Adoptive Father:

Reading, swing dancing, cooking, hiking, playing board and card games, watching sports

Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Service Representative

Adoptive Father: Attorney Advisor

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree

Adoptive Father: Doctoral Degree

The nursery is a very special room decorated with love and teddy bears. There is a framed cross stitch Rebekah made for the nursery that has a teddy bear and a Bible verse describing how love "bears all things." One of our best friends purchased the nursery's first new teddy bear, which we have tentatively named "Rookie." Rebekah's own childhood teddy bear is also perched on a shelf as if he is ready to watch over our child.

Rebekah will be a stay-at-home mom, and looks forward to having dedicated time with our child. They will enjoy going for walks, playing at the park, and cooking and baking together. Rebekah is a really good cook, and Brian enjoys eating whatever she makes; including, chicken tikki masala, fish tacos, and Cajun shrimp and grits. Rebekah enjoys surprising Brian with new menu ideas. We both enjoy the teamwork aspects of cooking together and trying new, challenging recipes.

Our favorite time of the day is in the evening after the hurriedness of the workday has ended. We enjoy reading aloud to each other or doing some other activity together. We look forward to sharing this time with our child. We look forward to reading a wide variety of books with him/her and doing other activities together. We look forward to the laughter and sense of adventure a child brings as they discover the world around them.



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Our family...

We met when a mutual friend invited Rebekah to a singles' meeting at Brian's church. This friend, after noticing we liked each other, decided to play matchmaker by making up excuses for us to get to know one another. Through her help, we quickly became fast friends as we learned we had a lot of things in common, such as enjoying football and reading.

We dated for a little over a year before Brian proposed. When Brian decides to do something, he's quick to act. He decided he wanted to marry me on a Monday and asked for Rebekah's Father's blessing on Friday night, knowing that the next Saturday morning Rebekah would love to tell her family in person at a family party. He didn't have much time. As a result, he proposed in the parking lot of the grocery store they stopped at on the way to the party. It happened to also be the same grocery store that she had been at when he had called to ask her if she would be his girlfriend. As he had hoped, Rebekah was thrilled to show off her ring, a family heirloom, at the party later that day. We have been married for more than eight years and are more in love with each other today than the day we got married.



We enjoy doing a lot of different things together. In the evenings, we often curl up with a book and take turns reading aloud to each other or just listening to an audio book. The last fantasy book series we listened to was 'How to Train Your Dragon.' We also enjoy playing board games and card games with friends. We have lost track of how many times we've played and taught kids to play Moose in the House. We also enjoy watching sports. During football season, we enjoy getting together with friends to watch a game. During basketball season and softball season we enjoy going to cheer on our nieces at their games.

Both of our families love each other deeply and will do almost anything for each other. Brian's parents bend over backwards when having family over to make sure that their stay is comfortable and enjoyable without any concerns. Rebekah's family regularly drops everything just to help a family member. When we moved to Maryland, Rebekah's parents thought nothing of flying down just to help us pack and drive the U-Haul. All of our extended family is excited about another family member, "the more, the merrier" could be their motto.

We have wonderful family traditions we look forward to sharing with our child. Thanksgiving and Christmas are probably two of our favorites. Thanksgiving is a holiday we celebrate with Rebekah's family. We look forward to making Turkey cookies, Oreos decorated with candy corn and Hershey kisses to look like turkeys, with our child and their cousins. Her mother's siblings, children, and grandchildren all get together to enjoy the day together. It starts with the runners in the family going for a 5k in the morning. A late lunch follows, then a walk, and finally, pie for dessert. The rest of the time we talk, play games, and play with our nieces and nephews, who range in age from 1 to 10 years old.

One of our favorite Christmas traditions is driving around to look at Christmas lights together. We love the creative ones, like the Grinch pulling the lights off the house. We look forward to passing on the tradition of Christmas Daddy dates, when Brian and our child will go shopping together to purchase gifts for others.



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