

Hello we are...

Colt & Adrienne



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Our Hopes and Dreams...

When we dream of our future, we imagine a wonderfully close and loving family. We imagine our children growing up to be strong, kind, and valuable members of society.

While we have three beautiful boys, we would love nothing more than to have a daughter to complete our family! We have dreamed of having a daughter our whole lives and our dream is to make that a reality. A daughter brings her own unique qualities to our family. We have countless dreams for our future daughter and know we would love her more than words can express! Our sweet baby girl is already formed, we simply need to find her.

We will give our daughter the love, support and stability that she needs and deserves. We will always encourage her and provide her with the unconditional love she needs to go out into the world. She will know she can be anything she desires, that it is okay to make mistakes, and when she does, we will learn from them. We will tell her how very loved she is so that she learns to love herself.

We are best friends! We enjoy hanging out together and never seem to tire of one another. We don't need to be at an elaborate event or on a luxurious vacation to have fun together. We have fun together in whatever we are doing, where ever we are. We simply love being together. We make each other laugh, have fun and challenge each other to become better versions of ourselves. We operate as a team. We parent as a team and run our household as a team. We understand there is far too much to get accomplished for one person to manage alone, so we split up responsibilities and tackle them together. This works really well for us!

Our children are raised in an extremely loving, stable home. We believe raising children together is the most important thing we can ever do in this life, and we have treasured every moment of this gift of parenthood so far. We are both very engaged with our children, we love creating memories with them, and enjoy these years while we have them at home. We make family vacations a priority and enjoy taking them on beach vacations and to Disney World.

We love the thought of helping you in the process of bringing a sweet baby into our family. We are so very grateful for you! We know the decision you are facing is incredibly difficult, and we admire and respect your selflessness. We will do everything we can to make this process less stressful for you and provide you with the support you need. We wish you a sense of peace. Above all else, we want you to be comfortable with your decision. We hope you are able to feel our love for you! We would love for you to join our family as well. We hope to have open communication with you if possible, and to understand how we can best serve you during this time and beyond.

Sincerely Yours,

Colt & Adrienne

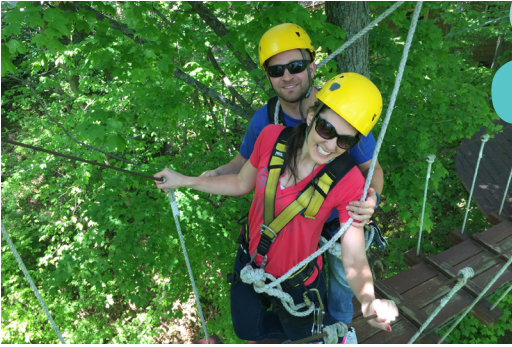

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Our values and beliefs as parents...



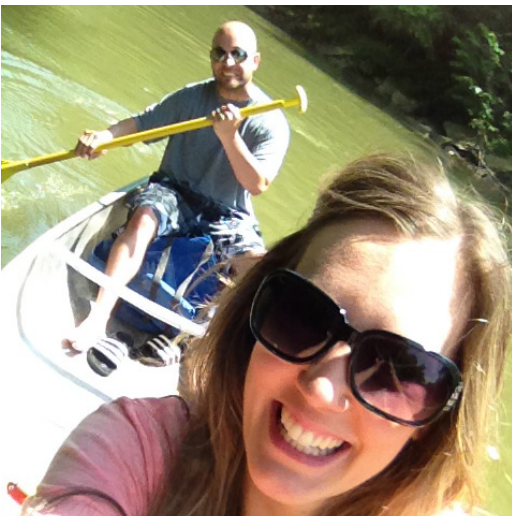
Faith - God is at the center of our lives. He is the center of our days, and we turn to Him for all things. He alone can carry us through tough times and He is our biggest cheerleader in happy times. We keep our faith strong by visiting church regularly, praying every day, thanking Him for our many blessings, volunteering to help others less fortunate, and teaching His values to our children. Our children attend church with us, they attend Christian based schools, we read children's bibles with them and pray with them everyday. As they get older they will volunteer alongside us helping others. We strive to teach them to follow God with their whole hearts.



Family - After God, everything else in our lives must take priority after our family. This means that our marriage and our children come before everything else in our lives. Having these priorities defined makes it easier for us to make decisions when one of our top priorities are challenged. For instance, if we are asked to attend an event that overlaps with one of our boys sporting events, the other event is an easy no for us. Our children see that we prioritize our family unit, and them specifically, every day. We make sacrifices in other areas to ensure we are able to spend as much time with them as possible, and we explain to them how important family is to us. We also visit our extended families often, keeping those relationships strong and showing our children how much our family is a part of our lives.



Moral Compass - We value honesty, being trustworthy, being courageous, never giving up, being patient, and taking personal responsibility. We feel these values help each of us to be kind to those around us, instill a sense of responsibility to become valuable citizens, and give back to the world. We live these values out in our daily lives and teach these to our children when appropriate. We help our children make difficult decisions by prompting them to do what they believe is fair and just. We encourage them to live these values at all times.



Hard Work - We realize there is no substitute for hard work, and learning this early in life prepares children for life's challenges down the road. We demonstrate hard work in our everyday lives and we work to provide this life for our family. We did not get where we are today by chance, we worked hard and will explain that to our children when the times comes. Each of our children are assigned tasks and chores that they must complete weekly. This not only instills the value of hard work in them, but it also helps them to feel like a valuable member of the family by knowing they are contributing in some way. They feel so accomplished when they complete a task, and they feel rewarded when they earn a prize for their hard work. We will continue to teach this lesson as they grow, and their responsibilities change.

Recreational Time - We enjoy and make a point to provide play time for our children. We make family vacations a priority every year, we have family game nights, we engage in outdoor play regularly, and we encourage our children to pursue interests that are important to them. We seek to introduce our children to a variety of activities, cultures, and new experiences through travel. We value experience over material things, and often times gift our children and each other with an experience. We have found this to be so enjoyable and far more memorable. We plan to continue this with our children as they grow. We look forward to the countless memories we will make while exploring together!

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Our home...

We are so thankful for the memories made here!

We have a large fenced in backyard, with an indoor pool and a basketball goal. Our backyard area beyond the pool is a large grassy space which we love using to let the boys run around, we sled down the hill in the winter months, do Easter egg hunts there, play tag, and roll down the hill. We live near a park which we visit often.

Our home is so very special to us and the place we most enjoy being. We've lived here our entire marriage, we've brought our children home from the hospital to this home, and we've made countless memories here. This is the home where we've watched our children take their first steps, where we have danced in the kitchen, where we've celebrated big and little victories, where we've grown together as a family. Our kitchen table is perfect. It's big enough for our growing family, but more importantly it has so many memories associated with it. Our table has glue and paint marks from arts and crafts projects, scratch marks from forks as their little hands figure out how to use utensils, it's the table where they blow out candles on their birthday cakes, it's where we sit together each night to enjoy dinner together, it's where we pray together, and it's where our friends and family gather when they visit. It's not always pretty, but it's perfect to us!

Our days are filled with so much joy! We make a point to enjoy a family dinner together every night. We have a chance to sit down as a family and hear about how everyone's day was. It's a great way to unwind and reconnect as a family. Colt makes an amazing homemade lasagna and we love it! It's a delicious comfort food and we all enjoy it every once in a while as a treat!

On weekends we spend our days playing with the boys. We take our children to a nearby park, the local zoo, an indoor aquarium, an indoor trampoline park with rock climbing and zip lining. We play games, with toys, various sports, and read books. We attend our boys' sports games if they have one that weekend. Our children only watch TV on Friday movie nights, and they don't play video games or play on any devices. We much prefer for them to use their imagination and play, studies show it is far better for their development to play. We enjoy our time together as a family more than anything else!

Our boys are SO excited to welcome a baby sister! They talk about her constantly, ask questions about her, and come up with ideas for presents they want to buy for her. When we are at the store they regularly point out items that would be perfect for a little sister! They pray for her and ask God to send her to us soon! Most of all, they are looking forward to buying presents for her, teaching her new things, and protecting her.

We cannot wait to create new memories with our sweet baby girl. We look forward to watching her take her first steps here, celebrating holidays with her, watching her blow out birthday candles, taking her trick or treating in our neighborhood, playing dress up with her, taking her photo on our front steps before she heads off to her first day of school, teaching her to ride a bike, and many many more!



- Both non-smokers

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:

Photography - I used to shoot weddings but it became too time consuming, so now I do family sessions and take photos of our kiddos. Baking - I love baking with our boys! They have so much fun helping decorate! Working out, swimming, boating, hiking. Planning and taking vacations. Crafts with our boys. Reading (or listening to an audio book / podcast). Planning birthday parties (we go big!). Cycling.

Adoptive Father:

Sports of all kinds, coaching our boys football, soccer and basketball teams. Spending time outside. Swimming, hiking, golfing, cycling, playing with our boys (throwing ball, riding bikes, shooting basketball, etc). Cooking.

Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Chief Financial Officer

Adoptive Father: Realtor

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Master's Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree



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Our family...

We met at the gym! Adrienne came in to set up a membership and Colt was the manager that helped her. We talked for a long time and quickly became friends. We would see each other at the gym occasionally and started dating a few months later. We dated for two years before getting married, and we have been married for almost nine years.

As a couple we complement each other so well! We balance each other out in ways we couldn't have even asked for. Adrienne is organized, is a planner, and is very thoughtful. She enjoys to-do lists and likes to prepare in advance for as much as possible and feels good about making sure everyone has what they need to be comfortable. Colt is hilarious and likes to make others happy. He's competitive and always wants to be the best at what he does. Family is very important to me and I love being a dad! Colt helps Adrienne go with the flow and be more spontaneous. We are almost always on the same page and know what the other is thinking / wanting without having to say it. This helps not only in our marriage but helps us to parent our children.

We have always made an effort to make the other person happy, and in doing so have an incredible marriage. We schedule date nights once a month and take time to enjoy each other's company. We are constantly working to make our marriage better. We've read books, completed workbooks and marriage help exercises, and we listen to podcasts focused on strengthening our marriage often. A strong marriage is very important to us as it serves as the foundation for our family. Our children's best chance of success is dependent on us keeping our marriage strong and healthy, and we take that very seriously.

We have three beautiful boys, Bentley, Eli, and Dominic. We very much enjoy the hustle and bustle of a busy house and couldn't imagine our lives any other way. We love spending time together as a family and we are very involved in their lives, Adrienne volunteers at their schools and Colt coaches their sports teams. We know their childhood will fly by all too quickly, so we try to soak up these moments with them.

We look forward to making more memories with a little sister. We enjoy making a big deal for each birthday. We celebrate them for an entire week and make sure they know just how special they are. Every fall we visit a pumpkin patch with fun rides, face painting, games, and fall treats. Each year at Christmas time we have a number of traditions we enjoy. We make gingerbread houses, bake cookies together, drive around to look at the neighbor's lights, make hot cocoa, watch Christmas movies, read *The Night Before Christmas*, go on the Polar Express train ride, visit a light show nearby, and many more! Around each Valentine's Day we put heart shaped notes on each of their bedroom doors listing all of the things we love about them! We also have little mailboxes for each family member, and each of us put love notes in each family member's mailbox. At Easter time we color Easter eggs and go on Easter egg hunts. Every summer we spend time swimming, boating, hiking, making s'mores, and riding bikes.

We love coming up with family traditions that are special to us and we absolutely cannot wait to add traditions with a sweet baby girl!



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