



Hello We Are...



Brandon & Whitney

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Our Hopes & Dreams

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us, and for considering our family as possible parents for your precious child. We are sure your heart is heavy while you prepare to make this decision. We admire how courageous and selfless you are, and we have the upmost respect for you. We hope this brings you peace and comfort.

We know that it is impossible to express everything about our family in a few paragraphs. What we want you to take away from this is that we are a fun, loving, and adventure seeking family of faith. We value our family more than anything and we are so excited and eager to find our missing piece.

Adoption has already touched our family in a mighty big way. When we decided we were ready to grow our family in 2015, God had another plan. After three years of our lives consumed with fertility treatments, God started to lay adoption on our hearts. In 2021 we adopted our son Hudson. Adoption has been the biggest blessing in our life so far. It has touched our hearts and the hearts of those around us. So much that, we have a longing to adopt again. Our family has a missing piece, and we cannot wait to find it!

When Brandon and I got married, we promised each other that we would travel and see the world. Neither of us ever had an opportunity to travel growing up so it was something we wanted to make a part of our adult life. We have tried our best to stay true to our promise and have traveled as much as we can over the past several years. Our goal was to keep traveling as part of our life even after we became parents. We want our children to experience the diversity and beauty that the world has to offer, and we feel as if traveling is a great way to do that. We long to make unforgettable memories that our children can cherish for a lifetime.

We are most excited to have a complete family. We want our children to have siblings to grow up with because we know the value of that as a child and also as an adult. We look forward to having our life be all about our kids for as long as we can. We want to do everything we can to help them learn and grow in a nurturing environment while having the ability to get out and explore God's creation.

We hope to have a relationship with you, however we want to honor your wishes and will respect if you feel differently. What is most important to us is that you know we are grateful for you and you will be respected throughout this process and the rest of your life. We will always value you as a mother and person.

Blessings,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

FAITH - Faith is the sole reason we are who we are today. It drives every value we have as a family and without it, we wouldn't be here in this very position today. God has brought us together in marriage, kept us together through trials, and led us to the path we are on today. We trust that He will continue to provide for us daily. We will avoid the "do as I say and not as I do" mentality and will live each day in front of our children reflecting Christ's love for us.

TOGETHERNESS - We believe that family is a treasure. We never know how long we have to make memories with our loved ones and one day, memories are all we will have. We attend church with our family, have dinner nights, support each other's dreams, and we recently moved closer to both of our parents to make all of that easier. We will teach our children that family is who will always have their best interest at heart and support them through the easy and tough seasons of life. This will include family vacations, dinner nights, showing support of their hobbies and achievements, attending their extracurricular activities, etc.

RESPECT - We don't walk in anybody else's shoes, but are grateful for our journey. Everyone we cross paths with is just trying to make it with the hand they were dealt. We do our very best to show kindness, gentleness, and respect to all those we cross paths with. We will show our children that living by the two greatest commandments (Love the Lord with all their heart, soul, and mind and Love thy neighbor as thyself) will always point them in the right direction in life. We will show them, not only by our actions, but by teaching them to respect and be kind to everyone around them.

EDUCATION - Education teaches us how to grow even if we aren't in our comfort zone. It also can open up more opportunities for us to prosper later on in life. We both have college degrees and our careers require us to participate in continuing education courses that we enjoy. College will not be forced on any of our children, however we will encourage and support continuing education and training, whether that is a trade of some sort or a degree, with the objective of having a successful career to support them later in life. We want our children to find a career path that they love and will excel in for many years.

CHEERFULLY GIVING BACK - Cheerful giving has always been a part of who we are and will always be a major part of our family. At some time in life, we will come across an individual or cause that could use a "hand up." On our journey to become parents, we have received a lot of help and support along the way. We have not only expressed our appreciation, but also returned the support and passed it on. We will teach our children to help others when they can, to help their neighbors, support their church, and to give monetarily when they are able throughout their life.

WORK ETHIC - A healthy work ethic is the foundation of being a successful member of society. With a positive work ethic, success is an easier goal to achieve. Brandon and I both have had jobs since we were 15 years old, this has helped us to learn to work hard for what we want. We will teach our children to be proactive in all of their endeavors and that having pride in their work, without having a prideful spirit, is important.



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HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Traveling, spending time with family and friends, refurbishing furniture, taking photos, hiking, doing anything outdoors.

Adoptive Father: Traveling, exercising, watching any sports, grilling, yard work, hiking, spending time with family.

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Dispensing Optician

Adoptive Father: Pharmacy Manager

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Associates Degree

Adoptive Father: Doctoral Degree

PLUS:

- Both non-smokers

Our Home

We live in a sweet small town that is also Whitney's hometown. Everyone offers southern hospitality and is quick to offer a helping hand.

Our home sits on nearly two acres of land and is our "forever home". We love everything about it. The house is tucked away in a country setting surrounded by woods. Inside there is plenty of room for our family to grow, outside the open yard is a great place for our family to enjoy. We also love our home's location, just five miles from grandparents, aunts, uncles, and all our cousins. We live near a pond that our children are welcome to fish in anytime. There are many family-friendly parks with hiking, playgrounds, splash pads, and walking trails nearby. Shopping and restaurants are also close by.

We spend the majority of our time outside with plenty of land for our children to play in. Our front porch and front patio both have rocking chairs that we enjoy quite often. We also spend a lot of family time on our back porch in the evenings. Our back patio is open and always full of fun ride on toys and water tables. We also have a basketball hoop on our driveway that we enjoy frequently.

The atmosphere of our home is comfortable and relaxed. We have a nice home, but not a perfect home. We want people to know that our house is "lived in," a place to join and have fun. We love to spend summer days grilling out with family and friends. We also enjoy making S'mores in our backyard fire pit during cozy evenings. The kids always enjoy riding bikes and playing on the slip and slides in the back yard. When the weather isn't as nice, the kids love to play upstairs in our bonus room, watching movies or digging through the giant toy box.

Whitney quitting her job to stay home with our children has been one of the most rewarding decisions of our life. Their day looks different everyday but each day includes breakfast, outdoors play, lunch, nap, and visiting parks. Sometimes they meet dad after work before heading home. Our favorite meals are pizza, enchiladas, and hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill in the summer. We have a local Mexican restaurant that is a family favorite. Brandon cooks a big breakfast for us all on the weekends. We love to have family dinner nights with our family that lives close by as well.

Our favorite time of the day is night time right before bed. This is our time as a family to wind down at the end of the day. We enjoy each other's company and normally play or snuggle with Hudson before he goes to bed. It is just our most favorite time to bond. We look forward to sharing this time with another child too!



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Our Family

Brandon and I met through mutual friends more than eight years ago. Brandon's best friend from high school is married to my best friend from college. We went on a blind date to dinner and a movie and connected so easily that we have been inseparable ever since. Our engagement was a complete surprise. We gathered at my parent's pond for what I thought was a practice photo shoot for my friends upcoming photography business. While on a small bridge overlooking the pond, I turned to pose for a picture and saw Brandon on one knee.

Brandon is a humble, hardworking, devoted, kind, and selfless man. He always keeps a calm spirit and level head. He follows through with his promises and is the spiritual leader of our family. Whitney is fun, happy, loving, outgoing, compassionate, and inspiring. Her smile and personality brighten a room. She keeps others calm when things get crazy, she's a voice of reason, and the glue that holds our family together. She's loyal to all those she loves. Our strengths as a couple are our faith, togetherness, and gratitude. Individually we are very different but together we make the best team.

We have a one-year-old son whom we adopted at birth. He is the happiest little boy, always smiling and laughing, and enjoys seeing all those around him are happy too. He is all boy! He loves tractors, any form of water, being outside, the movie Toy Story, anything he can steer, and of course his daddy! We look forward to the children growing up to be close siblings.

One thing is for sure, your child will be loved dearly by so many. Our family has always been our biggest supporters. Your child will have amazing grandparents, aunts, uncles, and so many cousins!

We have many family traditions to create life-long memories. One day a week we have family dinner night. This usually includes Whitney's parents, brother, sister-in-law, and sometimes Brandon's parents join us as well. Holidays are our favorite times with our families. We always gather with both sides of our families. We enjoy amazing food and lots of laughter. Some of our favorite activities are playing card and board games, gathering at our aunt's lake house, staying in our family cabin for New Year's Eve, and spending a lot of time together at Dollywood or Disneyworld!

A favorite tradition is centered around Christmas. One year, finding that we were opening presents of "stuff" we really didn't need, we decided we would rather spend our time and money on memories. We now spend a weekend around Christmas with Whitney's family and forgo buying as many gifts for one another. We love to travel and truly believe this is when memories are made. We are excited to start many of our childhood traditions with our children. We want to go all out when it comes to Christmas and make it as magical as possible. We want to spend lots of time together with our extended families and watch our children be surrounded by people that love them.

Through all of those seasons of our life, God has been good to us in every way. He has a big plan for our lives, and we can't wait to see what is next!



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