



Hello We Are...



Roger & Amber

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Our Hopes & Dreams

We are a laid back, caring, family-first couple, who enjoy life. We choose to see the positive in almost every situation and believe there is more than one way to accomplish our goals. We believe that lifting others up is our responsibility and we cherish the opportunities to do just that for family and strangers alike.

Our hopes and dreams are to have a family. We discussed adoption during our counseling prior to getting married and had planned to adopt in addition to having biological kids. We did not realize at the time that adoption would be how we would grow our family. Roger's best friend and Amber's God-brother were adopted, so it was a natural fit for our family. We both grew up in large family-oriented environments and would like to carry that on.

We will offer your child the world. Unconditional love, guidance, individual time, support, stability, affection and understanding. We grew up this way and we want to do the same for a child. Our family is big on supporting one another; we live the saying "it takes a village." Our family unit is defined by all those that we love and call family, regardless of birth or blood. We regularly spend time with those we consider family, attending kids' activities, having dinners, and even vacationing together to celebrate life.

We are here for you too. You are part of our village, and you have our support. We pray for all aspects of your physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing during this process and through the next chapters of your life. If you select us, we promise to take care of your child with everything in us and provide them with the love and support a child wants and needs. We will instill in them right from wrong and help them grow to be the best version of themselves.

With love,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

FAITH - Without faith we have nothing. We show our faith in God by listening with an open mind, praying about a situation, and avoiding negativity. We will lay the foundation for your child having faith by going to church on Sundays, reading the Bible, and teaching your child how to pray with meals and at bedtime. As your child gets older, they will read Bible stories before bed and participate in vacation bible school in the summer.

FAMILY TIME - We believe family can't be broken. When struggling, our family is the strongest support for the person. Creating memories and bonding with our family is priceless. We believe "the more the merrier" and invite others into our family support system. Although graduations and birthday parties are huge celebrations in our extended family, we don't need a big celebration to spend time together. We often go to local college football games together. We will continue to spend time together going over to each other's houses, going to the zoo, going bowling, and just hanging out. As for extended family, we will continue to attend graduations, birthdays, reunions, and anything else to bring us together as a unit.

HONESTY - We want your child to know that we will always have their back. Being honest and knowing that you can trust "your person" is a blessing. We want to be your child's "person." We hope they will share details about their day and how they feel. We will reward them for telling the truth, regardless of what the truth is. We want them to know that if and when they get into trouble, they can come to us and we will support them.

EDUCATION - From a young age, learning was a priority in our life. We both graduated high school and have our bachelor's degrees. Our education has allowed us to pursue and advance in the careers we wanted. We want the same for your child. We will provide quality education and schooling so that your child has the opportunity to be the best version of themselves. If they want to go to trade school, great! College, fantastic! We want to provide your child the essential tools and then allow them to make their own decisions.

PERSEVERANCE - We believe anything is possible. We show perseverance by setting a reasonable pace or coming up with other plans to accomplish our goals when a door closes. The first time Amber applied for nursing school, she didn't get in. After she took more classes to get her grades up, she went on to nursing school. She has been a nurse now for more than five years. We will encourage your child to push through their battles and know that we will be with him every step of the way! We will help your child come up with different ways to look at a situation and identify different paths to take. We will help them build their confidence through words of affirmation and having a positive mindset.

SELF-COMPASSION - We are perfect just the way we are. We don't need to be flawless. We will instill hope and compassion in your child by inspiring them to do their best. Roger rewards his nieces and nephews for progress on their report cards. They don't have to get perfect grades. We will do the same for your child. We will show them that loving themselves just the way they are is enough. We will be there for your child and accept them for who they are.



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Our Home

We love our home and being able to own our home is a blessing. When we were looking for a house to buy, we knew this one was it. The house is in a diverse neighborhood, has an open floor plan with a fireplace, and great outdoor space. But what we loved most was that we could make it our home. That is, our own place to be comfortable and feel safe, to always be ourselves, and welcome our friends and family to share in the fun and love-filled space.

Our home is filled with light and good company. We keep our blinds slanted just enough to allow natural light to shine through. The couches are cozy, and there is always a blanket nearby to cover up with. Fragrances keep the house smelling good.

We love having family and friends over. If it's our nieces and nephews, we watch Disney movies and have tea and slumber parties. There are puzzles to put together, arts and crafts to create, and books to read. We will often head to the backyard to throw a ball to our dog, Winston, or go to a nearby park to climb on the jungle gym. If our company includes adults, Roger will grill something, or Amber will cook a southern dish. Smothered pork chops with peas and mashed potatoes are a favorite!

One of the fondest memories so far at our home was last Thanksgiving when we hosted about 20 friends and family for a festive holiday of food and fun. A close second would be our Fourth of July when 45 family and friends joined us to celebrate the holiday with good food, games, and sparklers.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Hiking, horseback riding, swimming, camping, traveling and going out to eat together, and spending time with my family and friends

Adoptive Father: Playing football and basketball, watching documentaries, spending time with my friends and family, traveling, working out at the gym, running, and lifting weights

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Charge Nurse

Adoptive Father: College Football Recruiter

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree

PLUS:

- Family dog
- Both non-smokers

When it's just us at home we spend our evenings together working out and eating dinner at the kitchen table, just like we did when we were growing up. We may watch a movie or TV series or play UNO. On the weekends, we go out to dinner on Friday and Saturday night, and we always go to church on Sunday morning. We particularly enjoy our time together as we continue to build strong bonds.

We will do everything in our power to ensure that your child knows we love them and will always be there for them. We will build a secure relationship by caring for their every need, using eye contact, and doing skin to skin. We will incorporate a schedule for dinner, bath time, and bedtime to help them feel comfortable in a routine.

We look forward to your child playing with their cousins and other children in the neighborhood. There are three cul-de-sacs where the kids play ball and ride bikes. We will also play in the fenced-in backyard or one of many play areas in our home, and visit the arcade, the roller rink, parks, the bowling alley, and go to the movies and Chuck E Cheese.



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Our Family

We met through mutual friends at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. We both found each other to be attractive and liked each other's sense of humor and personality. We fell in love because we "get" each other. We have a strong love connection that grows stronger every day.

Our strength as a couple is that we are supporters. No matter what we are going through, we will be there any way that we can to help. We are also communicative, honest, and loyal. We are stable as a couple and as individuals. Amber is a go-getter, detailed and organized, and keeps everything afloat above water. Roger is great at communication, time management, and he is incredibly reliable.

We have been together since 2016 and still have date nights, go to the movies, go bowling, and play Top Golf and games like Uno, Solitaire, Phase 10, and Gin Rummy. We are basically grown kids! We love to travel to experience new places together. We've visited states coast to coast like Seattle, Nevada, Texas, Louisiana, Florida, and Tennessee, and overseas to blissful islands like Jamaica, Dominican Republic, and Mexico. Because of Roger's job, we also enjoy going to college Bowl games which are a lot of fun.

We both grew up in Tennessee. Amber on a farm with horses, chickens, and cows. The family worked together to run the farm; it was Amber's responsibility to feed the cows, gather eggs, and stack hay. Although no one lives in the family home, the farm is still operational, and the family still rides horses on the property. Roger grew up in Memphis playing soccer and football. His family instilled values of church, spending time with family, and treating others the right way.

Each of our parents have been married for more than 35 years. We are still very close to our families, and we consider everyone to be family. It doesn't matter if they are blood relatives. Our network is huge. We have family reunions regularly with 150+ people. We do not just meet around the holidays. We celebrate birthdays, graduations, attend the kids' activities like soccer, gymnastics, ballet, and any other time to bring us together throughout the year. We have also traveled with our families, including those that aren't blood relatives like our God family. One of our favorites was a Caribbean cruise that more than 30 went on. We are big on creating memories!

We will continue celebrating life with our family throughout the year. This way, your child will meet all of their family and make lasting memories with their cousins. Your child will be surrounded by a huge network of support.



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