



Hello We Are...



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Our Hopes & Dreams

We are a fun, family-focused couple who have been together forever, who like to live life to the fullest. We care deeply about others and believe in giving to others including our family, our community, and strangers alike.

Our hope is to be adoptive parents again. Brooke's father was adopted, so we knew that having a biological child wasn't necessary to build our family. In 2015, our son's mother selected us to be his adoptive parents. The bond we have with her has surpassed all our expectations, and we thankfully remain in contact with her to this day.

We are grateful to be on the adoption journey again. We look forward to adding another child to our family and will provide them with a life filled with unconditional love, acceptance, and fun. Your child will be surrounded by love from not only us, but from our family and friends as well. We will create a nurturing environment and will encourage and support your child in becoming whoever they want to be.

If you select us to parent your child, we will support you too, and your child will always know the loving decision you made. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us and we hope to meet you soon.

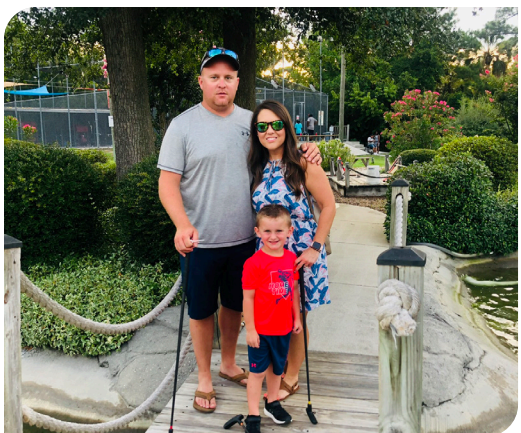
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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

FAMILY - We are lucky to have a large family that provides unconditional love and unwavering support. Our relationships are more like best friends than siblings or parent/child. Your child will not only gain parents and a sibling, but a group of more than 60 people. This will include their cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents who will be actively involved in their life, there to celebrate birthdays and holidays, and to attend their extracurricular and school activities. Your child will enjoy slumber parties, summer activities and vacations, and family game nights with this group.

FAITH - Our faith has been a guiding light through many of life's challenges. Raised in the church from a young age, we were taught the importance of spirituality and community. As we grew older, we were encouraged to explore and develop our own beliefs and personal relationship with Christ. We intend to share this foundation with our child by fostering a spiritual environment to include praying together and reading Bible stories. However, we will also encourage our child to explore and form their own beliefs, allowing them the freedom to develop a personal and meaningful relationship with their faith.

GIVING - We are thankful to be able to help others, and we hope to teach your child to have a generous heart. We participate in the Angel Giving Tree each year purchasing presents for other families. Brooke founded an organization called Summer Servings, a meal delivery service that provides groceries for children during school breaks. We hope to teach your child to express kindness, generosity, and charity to those less fortunate. They will help us shop for and box groceries for Summer Servings, as well as pick-out Christmas presents for their own Angel. When they are ready, they may also donate their lightly used toys and clothes to others.

FUN - We are a family that lives life, and we want your child to experience a joyful childhood filled with life-long memories. We love spending time at the river, having pool days, outdoor picnics, jumping on the trampoline, hikes through the woods, or fishing at our pond. We also like to go to the movies, bowling, or host family game nights. Vacations usually take us to the beach where we play in the ocean, build sandcastles, ride go-carts, play miniature golf, and search for seashells. While we instill everyday responsibilities in our children, we want them to enjoy life - laugh freely, act silly, and find joy in just being a child.

PASSION - We believe our responsibility as parents is to introduce your child to what life has to offer. We believe discovering their passion is important to their long-term well-being. Yes, education takes place in a classroom, but we also believe lessons can be found on the field of your child's favorite sport activity, at home playing on the farm, building things in the shop, or baking with their grandparents. We look forward to learning your child's likes and dislikes so we can help them discover their own passions.

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HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Anything outdoors, traveling, fishing, swimming, nature walks, volunteering, exercising, kayaking, gardening, baking, reading, attending professional sports games, spending time with friends and family

Adoptive Father: Cooking, fishing, kayaking, traveling, hands-on projects, working in my shop, fixing things, attending professional sports games, spending time with friends and family

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Radiographer

Adoptive Father: Electrician/ Natural Gas Measurement Specialist

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Associates Degree

Adoptive Father: Associates Degree

PLUS:

- Family dog
- Both non-smokers

Our Home

We love our home and think it is the perfect place to raise curious children. We purchased it with anticipation of wonder, imagination, and discovery. Our property is mainly meadows and grasslands, shallow rivers and ponds, and just enough woods for exploring and hiking. There is an open field in front of the house where we go four-wheeling, and in the backyard, there is a swimming pool, swing set, trampoline, plenty of space to play corn-hole, whiffle ball, and fetch with our dog, Tex.

We live on large acreage, in a neighborhood with other children, and are close to town and our families. Our home is a gathering spot; friends and family are always welcome and encouraged to stop by. The refrigerator is stocked with popsicles for hot summer days.

We love entertaining and hosting pool parties, cookouts, and bonfires for family and friends. The pool area is a favorite feature of our home. The sun is warm, and the sound of everyone laughing and playing is so refreshing. The outdoor kitchen has two grills, a smoker, and griddle. This is where Adam loves to barbecue, cooking steaks, hot dogs, and hamburgers, along with vegetables from our garden.

However, the best part of the property is that it sits on the river with a sandbar where we hang out fishing, swimming, and launching our kayaks. Indoors, we enjoy movie nights, or playing basketball or ping pong in the basement. The basement is known as the "kids' area," however, adults often find their inner child there too. Our home and the property will be handed down to our children with the hope that someday they will make their own memories with their own children.

Both of us have flexible work schedules so we are often home during normal work hours, which allows for extra family time. Our favorite part of the day is when we gather for an afternoon snack or outdoor activity to unwind, hear about each other's day, tell stories, and discuss what we are having for dinner. We enjoy random activities at the river and ballpark, playing board games, dining at restaurants, or just relaxing with one another.

We are so excited to be parents again and to help your child discover who they are, their likes and dislikes, and one day their own hopes and dreams. We want your child to think of our home as a place of comfort, joy, and peace, as well as a place to have fun fishing, swimming, kayaking, and playing in the creeks, ponds, river and pool.



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Our Family

We met in high school and have been happily married for more than 16 years. We are more in love today than the day we got married. We grew up with similar values and our strengths complement each other. Adam has a pure heart that sees the good in everyone and everything. He is dependable, outgoing, has never met a stranger, and would literally do anything for anyone. Brooke is honest, nurturing, a great mom, and is hard working. As a couple, we are trustworthy, giving, responsible, fun, and kids at heart.

Our son Chatham is a fearless nine-year-old, who loves sports, swimming, fishing, and almost anything on our farm. He can't wait to be a big brother, have a built-in friend, and someone to get in "good trouble" with. He has already selected the nick name "double trouble" for him and his sibling.

We have a very close relationship with our families. Adam's parents live just a couple of miles from us. As a child, Adam always wanted to do whatever his grandfather was doing. He followed his every footstep from fishing, cooking, golfing, to hearing about the good ole' days. Adam believes this is where his love of cooking came from. Just like our grandparents were involved in our lives, our parents are involved in our son's life and will be involved in your child's life too. Brooke grew up with cousins as close as her siblings and our son's relationship with his cousins have the same bond.

The next best thing to being parents is holding the title of uncle and aunt. We have remarkably close relationships with our nieces and nephews. The same goes for our siblings' relationship with our son. We know that your child will have the same relationship with their grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, and we look forward to watching those relationships blossom.

We love celebrating and living life to the fullest, and we are okay using any reason to do so! The infamous Easter egg hunt, 4th of July fireworks, Thanksgiving, our annual fish fry, and many trips to the beach are all times when we celebrate together with family. Christmas is one of our favorites; we watch Home Alone, make cookies, put out "reindeer feed," and always share our blessings with families through the Angel Tree Program. Christmas Eve is spent at grandma's home where everyone looks forward to gathering for great food and the gift of being together. We are excited to create, share, and pass on these wonderful traditions with your child.

We hope that you see we will provide a nurturing, loving, and supportive family for your child. We would love to have a lifelong relationship with you as well. We know that family isn't defined by blood, but by bond, and we welcome you into our family.



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