



Hello We Are...



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Our Hopes & Dreams

Our family is a healthy combination of structure, love and compassion. We know that structure and patterns provide a natural sense of safety and because we are human, sometimes we need grace and spontaneity. We always tell the truth and forgive quickly.

We believe children are a blessing. They view the world with an innocence and inherent joy. Witnessing and experiencing them making new connections is beautiful. Watching their resilience is inspiring. We have a 6-year-old daughter. She is so excited to become a big sister and love, care for, and play with her younger sibling.

I have wanted to adopt a child since I was 14 years old. It was a clear calling God placed on my heart very early in life. Kyle did not feel that call until after we were married but we always kept the conversation open and prayed about it regularly. Since we accepted this call, He has shown up in mighty ways and we know His timing is perfect.

We want to offer this child a home and family full of love, laughter, joy, and safety. We want to offer them everything they might need to be successful and to thrive in this life. We want to offer them an excellent education and a variety of extracurricular activities. We want to surround them with love and stability that will encourage them to be comfortable in their own skin and with who God created them to be. We want them to know that they are always good enough while helping them to give their best efforts to all their endeavors. We want to offer them unconditional and unwavering love.

For you, we commit that we will love your child beyond measure for the rest of our lives. We will never give up on them and we will give them our best every single day. We will always put the needs of our children first and prioritize their needs above anything else in life. We pray that in this process and in your life, you can feel the love, comfort and peace that transcends our understanding and can only come from the Lord.

Blessings,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

LOVE - God's greatest commandment is to love Him and to love others. We believe the greatest legacy we can leave behind is a great love for others. We attempt to show love to our family, friends, and others in many ways - by putting their needs above ours, through acts of service, through positive and encouraging words and affectionate compassion. We will share this value with our child first and foremost by loving them completely, by showing them how we love others, and encouraging them to love the people around them in unique and special ways.

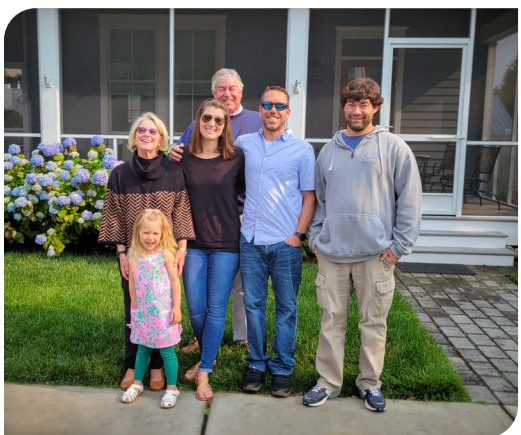
JOY - Scripture tells us that the joy of the Lord is our strength. We believe that happiness is fleeting and circumstantial, but joy can be everlasting under the protection and sovereignty of a Savior who loves us. To be completely honest, our daughter has probably taught us more about joy than we have taught her - she is the most joy-filled person we've ever met. We want to always encourage that quality in children and teach them that joy will carry them through difficult times. We desire to interact with our children with a spirit of joy in all things - always focusing on what there is to be grateful for.

PEACE - We feel that a spirit of unity and harmony in the home is essential. We communicate our perspectives in ways that are respectful and conscious of other people. We believe that other's feelings are more important than trying to prove we are right about something. We exercise frequent, open and honest communication so we can ensure that we are on the same page. We forgive instantly. We share this value with our child by including them in these communications as is age appropriate and having clear expectations about being honest about their feelings, their thoughts, and desires. We also apologize to our children and ask their forgiveness when we make mistakes. This shows them that they should expect that from others and it's an important piece of restoring peace.

KINDNESS - We believe it's very important to treat others the way we desire to be treated. It costs nothing to be kind. We have no idea what the person who we are interacting with may be going through. We aim to teach our children to be kind to everyone even, and perhaps especially, when they aren't being kind to them. We will demonstrate this continually. When someone speaks to us out of frustration or rudeness, we will respond with kindness and empathy, and then have conversations with our children about why that is so important to treat others with respect.

FAITHFULNESS - We place our faith in God and in each other. We believe that God will always provide, and we believe the best intentions of each other. We are loyal - we do not speak ill of others. We also believe it's very important that when our children hear us talking about them, it is always positive and uplifting. When we are faced with difficult or stressful circumstances, we remind each other and our children that God is in control and that He knows exactly what He is doing. We will not be afraid because nothing can happen to us outside of His control.

SELF-CONTROL - God created many human emotions to guide our interests and passions and help us set boundaries. However, our emotions can easily misunderstand the world around us. We never want to be ruled and swayed by our emotions. We live this out by being very open about what we are feeling or thinking in a given moment and rationally talking through if we are being reactive or reasonable. We seek to teach our children the same so that they are never controlled by their emotions but rather in control of them. We feel that openly and patiently talking through what we feel and what may be the truth of a situation is the best way to learn this.



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Our Home

We think our home and neighborhood are a great place to raise children because our home is full of love and laughter and our street is a private and quiet cul-de-sac with very little traffic. Nearby there are parks, playgrounds, pools, three farms that have play areas, games, animals, and pick your own vegetables and fruits, walking trails, restaurants, and shops. Fun packed Sky Zone, Urban Air, Chuck E. Cheese, and Fun Land are all a short drive away.

We spend a lot of time outside, especially when the weather is nice. Our house sits on about 1.5 acres of flat ground, with about half of it completely fenced in. We have lots of yard toys, like a bounce house, a little jeep, a splash pad, an interactive water sprinkler, soccer goals and a ball, a badminton set, a child's size cornhole game, and lots of chalk. The children often play in our yard or in another neighbors' yard. The kid's play basketball, and the older kids ride their bikes up and down the street.

Our back deck has comfortable seating for eating or hanging out. We also have a patio, hot tub, and fire pit with Adirondack chairs and tables where we listen to music, talk, and enjoy each other's company. We have a small vegetable garden and some fruit plants, such as grape vines, blackberry, blueberry and raspberry bushes, and pear and apple trees, beyond the fenced in area.

Our home is calming and peaceful with everything in its place. There is a positive energy filled with love. It's a little bit like a retreat because it's away from the busyness of big neighborhoods. We love the slower weekend mornings when we drink coffee and hang out together on the back deck. We are full of gratitude for the people God has put in our lives and our hearts feels full. There is no sense of urgency or rushing in these moments and we can be fully present with one another.

We love dinner time together - we all sit and eat together and hear about each other's days. We love to cook on the grill, and we enjoy all sorts of foods - Italian, Mexican, Chinese and Mediterranean. We take our time with dinner and enjoy each other's company. If there's enough time after bath time, we play a board game as a family or we may watch a family movie with popcorn.

Our daughter, Riley, is so excited about having a young sibling. She regularly writes notes and makes gifts for her new little brother or sister. She is already very protective of them and talks to us about how she will help them, what she will do to care for them, and how she can't wait to play with them.

The child's room is right next to Riley's room, so they are close. There is a lot of natural light and a window that looks out on the yard. The room has an activity table with 2 chairs and the closet is full of books, toys, and art and craft supplies. We hope the child will help us decorate the room with all their favorites, so they feel completely comfortable in their space.

We look forward to incorporating another child into our lives. We want to learn what is important to them and what they enjoy so that we may add their interests into our routine. We want the child to feel included and a part of everything we do.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Yoga, reading, hiking, baking, singing, interior design/decorating, and crafting

Adoptive Father: Motorsports, home improvement projects, hiking, biking, jet skiing, soccer, gardening and landscaping

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Finance Director

Adoptive Father: Mechanical Design Engineer

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree

PLUS:

- Both non-smokers



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Our Family

We met at a coffee shop where we both worked when we were teenagers. We were good friends for a year before we started dating. We have always cared deeply for each other and been each other's rock and confidante. Kyle is an incredible listener which has always made me feel valuable and cherished. He listens to understand, rather than to respond. Amanda is wise beyond her years and she is not scared to show her faith in Christ. It always amazed me how much she put other people's needs before her own. We are best friends and life partners.

We dated for 5 years before we got married and have been happily married for more than 15 years. We have a 6-year-old daughter, Riley. She is full of joy and is extremely affectionate and loving. She is curious about everything and rarely gets upset or frustrated. She loves music, dancing, and singing. She is very social, compassionate, and fiercely defensive of those she cares about.

We are a family that likes to be together no matter what we are doing. We love to play games together - board games, yard games, or video games. We love to read, go for walks, and watch movies together. My parents have a house on the water, and we often go there in the Summer to boat, jet ski, paddleboard, and swim in the pool. We go to the beach, Great Wolf Lodge, Busch Gardens amusement park, Sweet Frog for yogurt, go to church, and take day trips. These are some of the activities that we enjoy doing together.

We love spending any time with our extended family and especially enjoy holidays with them. We love to cook giant meals together and play games and laugh a lot. We host Christmas for both sides of the family each year. We pick out a tree as a family, we decorate, and we bake cookies together, etc. We have fond memories of waking up at home Christmas morning and we want our children to have the same special memories. We celebrate Easter with an Easter Egg Hunt in our backyard and Easter baskets. Our family is very supportive and excited about adding another child to our family through adoption.

We will take our children to Disney World, Universal, and Discovery Cove. We plan to take trips to New England and to take the children to see great fireworks shows. We look forward to taking our new child to Rehoboth Beach, where we were when we decided to adopt. We know the first trip there will be extra special. We also look forward to the simple, day-to-day activities such as games, running through the sprinkler, playing hide and seek, and reading together. We can't wait to take them on a jet ski or boating. Ultimately, we are just looking forward to meeting them and sharing life with them.



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