



Hello We Are...



Matt & Katie



## Our Hopes & Dreams

Our journey to grow our family has come with both joy and heartbreak. After welcoming our son, we experienced seasons of loss as we hoped for another child. Those moments were not easy, and at times we didn't understand what our path would look like. Over time, we have come to see that this journey has gently led us here—to adoption—and to the possibility of connecting with you.

Our hope is to continue building our family by welcoming a child who will be deeply loved, supported, and cherished every day. We dream of becoming a family of four and of creating a life filled with connection, laughter, and meaningful moments together. We look forward to the day we can hold this child in our arms, introduce them to their big brother, and begin building a bond that will grow over a lifetime.

We look forward to bringing a child home, creating a space just for them, and introducing them to our large, loving family of grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and a church community that is already praying for them.

We also want you to know how much we care about you. We have been praying for you and your child, and our hope is that you feel peace and support as you consider your options. We want you to feel supported, never judged, and always valued. We understand that this is a deeply personal decision, and we respect the strength it takes to walk this path. If you choose adoption—and if you choose us—we want you to feel confident that your child will be surrounded by love, and that your place in their story will always be honored.

Above all, our hope is that this journey is built on trust, compassion, and connection—for you, for your child, and for our family. We are truly grateful for the opportunity of sharing this path with you.

Respectfully,

*Matt & Katie*

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# Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

**FAITH** - Faith is an important part of our daily lives and the foundation of how we live, love, and grow as a family. We were both raised in Christian homes, and that foundation continues to guide our life and parenting today. We attend church weekly, serve within our church community as volunteers, and value the strong, supportive relationships it provides. We will raise our children in a home where they can come to know Jesus in a personal and meaningful way. We will pray together daily and spend time as a family reflecting and connecting. We look forward to including this child in church life through Sunday school, activities, and camps, while surrounding them with a community that cares deeply for them. Our goal is not perfection, but to model a life of faith, kindness, and grace. We hope this child will always feel loved, supportive and encouraged as they grow into who they are meant to be.



**FAMILY** - Family is at the heart of our lives and one of the greatest gifts we can offer a child. We are surrounded by a large, close-knit extended family who are actively involved, supportive, and full of love. Our family celebrates often, encourages one another, and creates a sense of joy in everyday moments. Time together is a regular part of our lives—whether it's shared meals like pizza nights and weekly lunches, or get-togethers to swim and roast marshmallows with cousins. Our time together always turns into laughter-filled memories. A child in our home will grow up truly surrounded by people who will protect, uplift, and help guide them. They will have grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins who show up, cheer them on, and create a sense of belonging. Our hope is that this child grows up feeling secure, valued, and deeply loved—not just by us, but by an entire family who will walk alongside them through every stage of life.



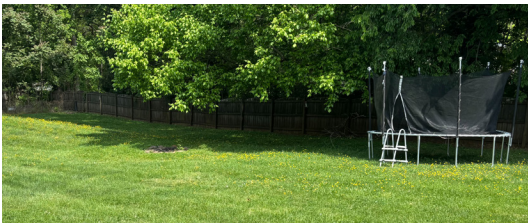
**SERVICE & OUTREACH** - We both grew up in this community, and giving back to the people and places around us is very important to us and naturally weave into how we live as a family. Through our work and everyday interactions, we look for opportunities to care for others, offer help, and make a positive difference, whether that's through school or community involvement, supporting local families, or simply being there when someone needs it most. As a wildlife officer, Matt serves as a first responder, often assisting during accidents or emergencies; he is trained in fire safety, CPR, and first aid. We look forward to raising a child in this environment, where they will see service lived out daily and learn the importance of caring for others. Our hope is that they grow up with a kind heart, a willingness to help, and an understanding that even small acts of service can make a meaningful impact.



**EDUCATION & LEARNING** - Our role as parents is to nurture our children, helping them grow into the very best version of themselves - at their own pace. Katie's journey as both a mother and an educator has deeply shaped our approach to learning. Through her experience in early childhood education, she has seen firsthand that children learn best through play. Play is the language children speak, and when we meet them there—engaging with curiosity, creativity, and joy—learning naturally begins to unfold. We believe in hands-on, sensory-rich experiences that allow children to explore the world around them. Whether it's building, creating, imagining, or discovering something new, these moments activate their minds and build a strong foundation for lifelong learning. Our hope is to raise a child who loves to learn—not just in school, but in everyday life—who feels encouraged to ask questions, explore their interests, and embrace who they are becoming.

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# Our Home

We feel incredibly grateful to live in a welcoming neighborhood filled with young families and lots of children. It's the kind of place where neighbors look out for one another, kids ride their bikes together in the cul-de-sac, and friendships form naturally. There is always something to do, whether it's playing in the yard, jumping on the trampoline, running through the ninja course, or enjoying water play in the backyard during the summer with friends. Our neighborhood is perfect for walks and bike rides, and with so many kids nearby, it creates a fun, active, and connected environment where a child can truly enjoy being a kid.

Our home sits on a half-acre lot, and we spend time outside together every day. Matt enjoys taking care of our home, washing cars in the driveway, mowing the yard, and playing games in the backyard with our son. He loves teaching him how to play golf, fish, and play ball, and looks forward to sharing those same moments, and new ones, with another child. Katie enjoys reading on the front porch, going on walks with Luna, our dog, and spending time playing in the driveway and backyard. As a family, we love sitting on the deck, grilling dinner, and ending the day around the fire pit roasting marshmallows, and playing a kickball or baseball game in the backyard. We are excited to welcome another child into these simple, meaningful routines—watching them play, learn from one another, and create memories side by side.

When you walk through our front door, you are often greeted by the smell of fresh baked goods—something Katie loves to make—while music plays in the background, filling our home with warmth, comfort, and a sense of shared joy with everyone who visits. Our main living spaces are filled with family photos, a cozy kitchen, and a table where we gather for meals, games, and conversation. Our basement is a true playroom, full of toys, including an arcade game, punching bag, Magna-Tiles, and Legos, because we believe in making space for fun and imagination. Whether it's cooking together, playing games, or having spontaneous dance parties, our hope is that every child feels comfortable, welcomed, and truly at home.

Because we already have a child, we have experienced so many of the joys that come with parenting—the first milestones, the laughter, the snuggles, and the excitement of watching a child's personality come to life. We look forward to experiencing those same meaningful moments again as we welcome another child into our family. We also understand that along with those joys can come challenges, and we are ready to meet those with patience, love, and support. We believe that all of life's moments lead to growth, and we find joy in celebrating every step forward, no matter how small. One tradition we cherish is "Special Treat Friday," where we go out for a treat with our nieces and nephew to celebrate a great week at school and doing our best. It's these simple, consistent moments that create lasting memories filled with encouragement, connection, and fun.

Your child's room is being thoughtfully prepared for the newest member of our family. It is already filled with a bookshelf of children's books, ready to be read and enjoyed together. We have a recliner for quiet moments and story time, and we will thoughtfully set up a crib or toddler bed once we know the age and needs of the child. The walls are currently a soft ivory, and we are open to creating a space that feels most comfortable and familiar—whether that means keeping things simple or designing a room that reflects what helps them feel at home.

## HOBBIES:

**Adoptive Mother:** Spending time with my immediate and extended family, including my nieces and nephews. Baking, going yard selling, thrifting, and on adventures with my family. Being outside. Reading. Pizza and movie nights. Swimming in our family's pool. Disney.

**Adoptive Father:** Spending time with immediate and extended family, particularly my grandfather. Restoring old cars, fishing, and leading a Boy Scouts troop. Being outdoors. Playing the drums. Community outreach and volunteering.

## PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Preschool Teacher

**Adoptive Father:** Wildlife Officer/Game Warden

## EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Associates Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Bachelors Degree

## PLUS:

- Family dog
- Both non-smokers

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# Our Family

Our story began in a place that has always been central to our lives—church. Matt had grown up there, and when Katie visited with her family, their paths crossed in a way that felt both unexpected and meaningful. From the very beginning, there was a natural connection. What started with a simple, thoughtful gesture quickly grew into friendship, shared time with friends, and then into something much deeper. We were drawn to one another's kindness, joy, and authenticity, and it didn't take long for our relationship to grow into love. From those early days, we both felt a sense of comfort, trust, and excitement about building a life together—one rooted in faith, love, and a shared commitment to protecting one another and those around us.

We have one biological child, our son Graham, who is six years old and full of energy, curiosity, and all things boy. He loves being outside, riding his bike, and playing with our dog. Graham has a kind and gentle heart, with a natural instinct to care for and look out for others. For the past four years, he has been praying for a brother or sister—someone to play with, grow up alongside, and share life's adventures with (and, not surprisingly, even share chores). He is incredibly excited to welcome a sibling and already has so many ideas for the fun memories they will create together.

We enjoy going to places like Dollywood, the zoo, children's museums, festivals, car shows, and the library, as well as taking family walks, playing games, and simply being together. We also make it a priority to nurture our relationship as a couple by having date nights. Summers are filled with outdoor fun, including weekly field trips to parks, farms, and new places, along with pool and pizza nights at Katie's parents' home with extended family. In the fall, we enjoy football games, pumpkin patches, trick-or-treating, and decorating together. No matter the season, we cherish these moments and look forward to welcoming another child to experience the laughter, traditions, and adventures that make our family time so special.

We are a close-knit family and feel incredibly blessed that both of our immediate and extended families live within 15 minutes of us. With strong, lasting marriages in our parents' relationships (more than 40 years) and a large circle of siblings, cousins, and relatives we see regularly, our gatherings are full of laughter, support, and connection—from weekly pizza nights at Matt's parents' home, pool parties at Katie's parents' home, to frequent get-togethers where everyone shows up for one another.

Many of our traditions began when we were children and continued as we've built our own family. At Christmas, we set out milk and cookies for Santa, decorate new stockings each year, trim the tree while watching *The Muppets Christmas Carol*, attend our church's Christmas Eve service, and spend Christmas Day with family. Katie enjoys regular Sunday lunches with her grandparents, and Matt values time working in the garage and making memories with his grandfather. We also look forward to annual family vacations, whether it's the beach, Disney, or a simple getaway, where we laugh, explore, and create lasting memories. Our families are incredibly supportive, pray for us often, and are so excited to welcome another child. We feel truly blessed to be surrounded by so much love, and we look forward to including another child in these traditions, relationships, and special moments that make our family who we are.



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