



*Lance & Margaret*



*Hello!*

We are so excited to enter this journey of adoption together with you! Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this time. You are so brave! Always know that doesn't go unnoticed. We are here for you every step of the way!

Lance & Margaret





# *about us*

## HOW WE MET

Lance & Margret originally met in high school and were just friends at first. In high school, Lance was one year older than Margaret therefore time continued to pass, and they remained mutual friends. Fast forward to a year later, we were attending two different colleges--on opposite ends of the state-- and got setup by a mutual friend through a telephone call. After that phone call things were never the same, and then that summer while both were living back home from college the relationship went into full swing. The long distance relationship continued when going back to college that Fall. Lance & Margaret made it through with many trips back and forth to see each other!

With both finishing up college and ready to move onto the next step in life, Lance surprised Margaret with a proposal surrounded by our family and friends to celebrate. Soon after the proposal, they both graduated from college. Later that same year, Lance and Margaret got married at their hometown church followed with a big celebration after!

Now as a couple we love to watch movies, take time for date nights, be outside, go to the lake, watch sporting events, and enjoy time on our farm.

We are so ready to share our unconditional love with another child in order to grow and complete our family!

*a little about*

## LANCE



Lance grew up in a small town in central Kentucky. He has two older sisters and his parents have been married for 44 years. Lance is an uncle to two nieces, Madison & Lauren. Lance is a big family man! He talks to his parents on a daily basis, and works with his dad to run the cattle farm. Lance enjoys to be outside, being at the farm, grilling delicious steaks, going to the lake, fishing, watching football, and spending time with his family. Sports are a big part of his life. Lance played football in high school, and now enjoys coaching Henry and his youth football team. After high school, Lance went to college at University of Kentucky and received a degree in Civil Engineering.





Lance and Henry, our oldest son, after a football game.



Always up for any adventure.  
Ziplining fun!



Family gathering after the baptism of our twins, John Parker & Charlie



Dancing the night  
away with Henry!



Some pool time with  
Charlotte, our niece!



Celebrating with our niece Ellie  
on her 8th birthday



Enjoying time on a family  
vacation!



*a little about*

## MARGARET

Margaret grew up in central Kentucky. She attended the same high school as Lance. While in high school, Margaret played basketball, enjoyed spending time with friends, and going to football games on

Friday nights! Margaret continued onto college where she finished with a degree in Exceptional Education for grades K-12. Now she works as a Special Education teacher for students with learning and behavior disorders at an elementary school. Margaret has always had a love for children, not only at work, but for her nieces as well. Margaret is a proud aunt to 4 nieces, Ellie, Charlotte, Madison & Lauren. Margaret enjoys listening to books, going to the lake, traveling, pickleball, and watching a movie on the couch at home with popcorn!







## HOW LANCE THINKS OF MARGARET

Margaret is my partner in life. I love and cherish her very much.

Margaret, not only described by me, is one of the most generous, loving, patient person you will ever meet. Margaret pushes everyone around her to be a better person, and she can achieve anything she puts her mind to.

Margaret is much more than my wife and the mother of our 3 boys, but ultimately she is my best friend. Watching her raise the family that we have shows me that I am so very blessed to have met her and am now able to raise our family together.



## HOW MARGARET THINKS OF LANCE

Lance is a wonderful husband, father, and best friend. Lance brings so much joy and laughter to any situation that he is in and definitely to our everyday family life. He is such an easy-going, compassionate, and driven person. One of the many things I love about Lance is that, with our 3 boys; Henry, John

Parker & Charlie, he is always teaching them valuable life lessons in a way that they don't even realize how much they are truly learning.

To know Lance is to truly love him, and my love for him continues to get stronger each day as we journey through this life we are building. I can't imagine life without him!



# Meet Henry

## The Oldest Brother



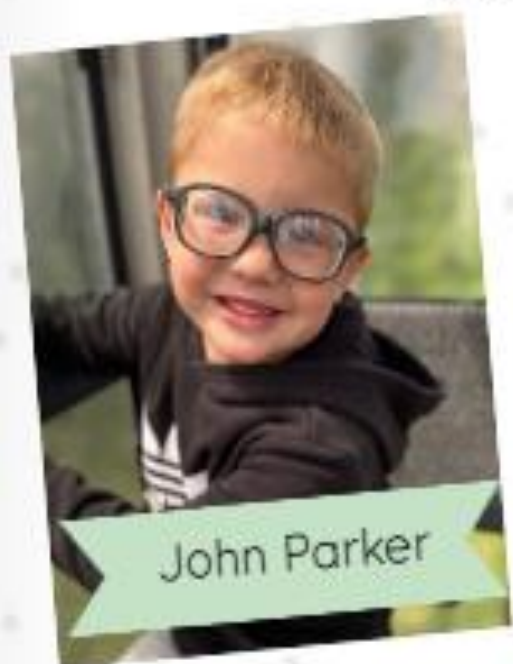
Henry is 8 years old. He is in second grade and loves school! Henry is kind hearted, laid back, and makes everyone laugh just like Lance! He loves playing football, basketball, riding his bike & having family game nights!





# Meet *The Twins*

John Parker & Charlie



John Parker & Charlie are 6 years old. They are in kindergarten and love it! John Parker enjoys building with LEGOS and magnets! Charlie loves to snuggle and playing Mario Kart together. They both have great imaginations and are so much fun to be around! They have a smile that makes your heart melt.

# OUR *home* AND NEIGHBORHOOD



The Front of Our Home



Our playset in the  
backyard!



Our Basketball Area & side  
yard in the cul-de-sac of our  
street





Our basement and Playroom. Lots of time spent here!



Playing at the park. A short walk or golf cart ride away!



Kitchen



Our Living Room



Our Back Patio

We live in a family oriented neighborhood, a short drive or walk to the park, library, church, and school. We live right across the street from our best friends (and their 2 boys), Hillary & Terrence, as well as living close to several other family members! Our home has 4 bedrooms, a basement with a playroom, inviting living room, and a large fenced in backyard with a playset. Our favorite place in our house is our backyard because we love to spend time outside!





THESE ARE OUR  
FAMILY & FRIENDS



Lizzy & Maze  
Margaret's sister and  
brother-in-law



Rose and John  
Margaret's Parents



Curry and Paul  
Margaret's Younger Brothers



Mollie and Terra  
Lance's Sisters



Terrence, Hillary, Liam & Noah  
Our Best Friends, who also live  
across the street!



Laurie and Terry  
Lance's Parents





## *Adventures*

Together as a family we like to try new things, go different places, and explore the world around us! We go on a summer vacation with our extended families, travel to Gatlinburg for Thanksgiving, beach in the summer and recently traveled out West to Colorado! We are fortunate enough to live in a beautiful part of the world so we also like to experience some of the great aspects of life we have right in front of us!





Cheering on the  
Wildcats!



Enjoying time on our family vacation

Mollie & Terra, Lance's sisters after a baptism



Lance's sister, Terra, who is always supportive!



## LANCE'S EXTENDED *family*

With niece, Madison,  
before prom!



All of the Smith Family



Lance has a large family. Lance has 2 sisters who are both married and is an uncle to his 2 nieces, Madison & Lauren! Most of his family members were born, raised, and continue to live in the same small town. Therefore Lance is able to remain close and see his aunts, uncles, and cousins on a regular basis.



Margaret's brother, Curry, at Henry's basketball game.



Margaret with cousins at a family wedding



Margaret with Goddaughter, Ellie



## MARGARET'S EXTENDED *family*

Margaret's aunts & cousins at Thanksgiving



Margaret is from a large close knit family. She is the oldest of 4 children. She has one sister, Lizzy, and two brothers, Curry & Paul. Margaret remains close with her sister and brothers, and grew up (and has remained) close to many of her aunts, uncles, and cousins! There is something special about your children playing sports with your cousin's kids!





## LANCE & MARGARET'S CAREERS

Lance is the Vice-President of Construction for our family owned business. He has worked for the company since May 2011. Margaret is a Special Education teacher at an elementary school. She has been teaching for 11 years.





# FAMILY TRADITIONS



As a family we have many traditions that love to do with our children and extended families. We love to experience traditions that have been passed down, but what is even more fun is making new traditions with our own family. We love making memories in all kinds of different ways. We want to have traditions that our children will remember and want to continue in the future!

All things  
FALL!  
Pumpkin  
carving,  
Halloween,  
& the  
pumpkin  
patch!



Reindeer  
food,  
matching  
pajamas,  
and  
Christmas  
programs!



Family  
vacations to  
the beach!







# Our Interests

In our free time you can find us outside in our backyard, at a sporting event, or enjoying a boat ride at the lake. We love to go out to eat, taking golf cart rides, going on outings to the park or zoo, sitting by the pool, family movie night, and travel different places with our family!







Our Dock  
at the farm



Fun on the rock  
pile!



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## *Our promise to you...*

We have always wanted a big family, and have been fortunate enough to have 3 healthy boys. We knew that we wanted to include adoption in our family story. We are excited to share our unconditional love and support to your child.

We are so excited to open our hearts and home to welcome a new miracle, your loving child and caring for him or her every second!

Always know that your child will have siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins that will all show their love unconditionally. Please know that we will cherish your child and make sure that he or she will be so proud to be adopted.

We hope that this book gave you a look into our lives and we look forward to meeting you. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,  
Margaret & Lance



