

TYLER *and* ASHLEY

LET'S START WITH
hello



IT'S NICE TO *meet* YOU!

We are **GRATEFUL** that you have taken the time to learn about us, and we hope to get the chance to learn about you. We recognize both the difficulty and the courage that it must take to be on this journey, and we **ADMIRE** your decision to consider adoption for your child. We hope that our family's story will bring you peace as you move forward.

We are Tyler and Ashley, from Indiana. We are parents to four beautiful daughters and consider parenting one of our greatest callings in life. Our daughters are 6, 8, 12, and 15. There is never a dull moment in our house, and we wouldn't want it any other way! As parents, we enjoy watching our daughters grow and fostering the gifts and personalities that God has given them. We cherish each of the children that we have been blessed with.

With that said, we know that God is calling us to open up our home and our hearts to more children, and we are excited for the chance to grow our family through adoption. If you feel that we would be a great family for your child, we promise to raise her/him in a loving home. We promise to love and honor your child, and we welcome an open adoption with you.

THANK YOU for taking the time to learn more about our family.

OUR story



We first met at the church Ashley grew up in, in 2004. Tyler came up from North Georgia to go to college in a nearby town. Tyler came to Ashley's church, being invited by a mutual friend. We both ended up working with the youth group and got to know each other better during that time. We each appreciated the other person's faithfulness to God and devotion to family, and we challenged each other. After 9 months of working alongside of each other, we started dating, with the intention of marriage. That was in May of 2005. We were engaged in August of 2005 and married in June of 2006. We have now been married for 17 years. Those incredible years have been filled with much excitement, many adventures, and some challenges. We have been blessed with four amazing daughters. We have experienced career changes, a couple of moves, two different house builds, new family friendships, exciting vacations, and mission trips. Our love and respect for each other has only grown deeper and stronger during our relationship. Throughout our life together, God has remained our foundation. He has seen us through the good times and the difficult times, and we wouldn't be where we are today without God's hand in our marriage. We look forward to many more years of doing life together.



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Ashley has been my best friend for the last 18 years. I first met her in a youth group that I was serving in, at the church where she grew up. Ashley was also serving in the youth ministry and building relationships with the teen girls. It wasn't long before I knew that I wanted to be with her for the rest of my life, and thankfully, she was feeling the same way. A year after our marriage, Ashley got her dream job of being an elementary school teacher. For as long as I have known her, she has always loved taking care of children and teaching them the knowledge and skills needed for further education. When our second

daughter, was a few years old, Ashley's heart desired to step away from teaching elementary school and step into teaching our own children at home. Since this decision, we have never looked back. It's been nine years now, and our daughters' education, development, and hearts could not be in better hands.

There are many things that I admire about Ashley. She is a finisher, and you can bet that if she starts something, she will see it through. She is the hardest working woman that I know. She loves God. She loves our family with her whole heart and she shows her love by her actions. Most, if not all, of our memorable family traditions have been started by her. One tradition that Ashley started, and continues, is decorating our house on the birthdays of each child, so that when they wake up, their day starts off with a bang. We have unicorn pancakes for birthday breakfast, and then the birthday girl gets to pick what we have for dinner. This tradition has continued in our daughters, and now they decorate for mine and Ashley's birthday. I am blown away on a regular basis by how much Ashley loves and serves our family, and I know for certain that she will love any children that are placed in our home with the same love.



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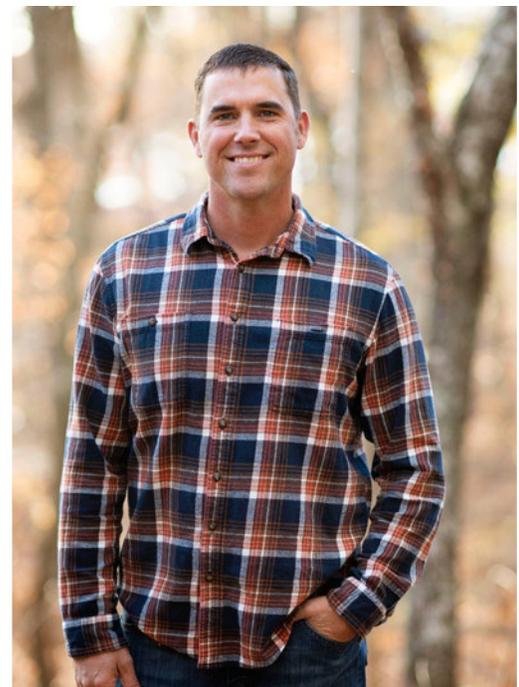
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Tyler is a natural-born leader and the rock of our family. He is steadfast and loving, kind and caring. He is funny and has a great sense of humor. We have so much fun together-working on home projects, sipping coffee on the porch, walking the neighborhood, enjoying date nights (or days). He truly is my best friend, and I cannot imagine my life without him. One of the many things I love about him is that he is a good listener, which comes in handy in our house full of girls! Tyler is a fireman, and whenever he comes home from the firehouse, our daughters will rush to tell him all of the things he missed while he was at work.

He listens attentively and patiently, even when multiple girls are

trying to talk to him at once. That takes special skill! They love sharing special details with him, and he loves being welcomed by them when he gets home.

Tyler's schedule as a fireman allows him to be home, and present, often. On his off days from the fire department, he is a handy man-for us and for others. He's our craftsman, mechanic, electrician, plumber, and fixer-of-all-things. He has built our last two houses, custom built bookshelves and entertainment centers, added additions and porches onto houses, torn down and rebuilt decks, remodeled kitchens. You name it, and he's probably done it! He is a hard worker and does a top-notch job with anything that he is tasked with. He has passed this hard work ethic onto our daughters as well. Many times, he takes our daughters to work with him on these projects. He's taught them many valuable skills that they wouldn't have had the opportunity to learn if we didn't homeschool. In addition to learning valuable skills, they go on lunch dates and spend quality time with him, which they always love. Tyler is an amazing man. He loves God, and he takes his job as husband, father, and leader of our family very seriously. He loves us all fiercely, and I know that he will love any future children that are placed in our family.





MEET

Hayden Danielle

Hayden is 15 years old and is a sweet, considerate big sister. She is very motherly and looks out for her siblings. She is a dedicated and hard worker at whatever she puts her mind to. She is a devoted piano player and loves expressing herself through music. She is an avid reader. She loves American history, writing poetry, and hunting with her dad. She enjoys being outside and active, doing pretty much anything, and even joined the local swim team this past summer. She is very outgoing and likes meeting new people.

MEET

Allie Nicole

Allie is 12 years old and loves to give of her time and energy to do things for others. She is always wanting to hold the babies and play with the little ones at church. She has a great imagination, which works out really well when she plays with her younger sisters. She loves LEGOs and has a whole bookshelf devoted to her creations. She adores animals, especially our pets-Toby (our Miniature Schnauzer) and Nala (our outdoor cat). She enjoys playing piano and is an excellent artist. She has grown up playing soccer and also joined our town's local swim team this past summer. She is very outgoing and really likes being around others.



MEET

Payten Harper

Payten is 8 years old and is kind and gentle. She is very sensitive. She is artistic and has a great imagination. She enjoys drawing, coloring, and crafting. She is good at cleaning and organizing, even if it isn't her favorite thing to do. She really likes playing with her sisters and her friends. She loves playing Barbies, babies, house, and LEGOs. She plays soccer and takes ballet. She enjoys riding her bike and playing outside. She recently started taking piano lessons, and she is loving it.



MEET

Ella Grace

Ella is 6 years old and is such a sweet, sensitive girl. She is always the first to encourage her sisters in whatever they are doing and to congratulate them on things they do well. She loves to snuggle...and sleep! She is very artistic and creative, loves to draw and color, and loves to gift people with pictures and cards. She really enjoys spending time with her friends. She is free-spirited and has no fear (which isn't always a good thing). She takes ballet and loves it! She just started taking piano lessons and is very excited about playing in the Fall recital. She cannot wait to be a big sister!



WE LOVE TO *travel*

One of our favorite things to do as a family is travel. Exploring new places together allows us to create many cherished memories. With us being a homeschool family, and not being tied to a school system's schedule, traveling gives us the opportunity to take our girls' education outside of the "classroom". We've visited the site where the pilgrims first landed in America. We've seen Plymouth Rock and toured the Mayflower 2, a replica of the original Mayflower that carried the pilgrims to the New World. We've learned how powerful water can be by visiting Niagara Falls and learning about it's involvement in hydraulic power throughout history. We've learned what the air is like at higher altitudes, and how that affects people, by visiting Pike's Peak. We've experienced what life might have been like in the 1800s by visiting the Mystic Seaport Museum, a recreated 19th century seaport village and working shipyard. Here, we learned how and what tools seafarers used to navigate before modern technologies, among many other things. We've visited different beaches along the East Coast and visited the mountains of Colorado. These are just a few of the many field trip destinations that we've had as a family. We want our daughters to experience and appreciate the beauty of God's creation throughout the United States. We hope to make it to the 48 contiguous states before our children are grown, and so far, we've made it to 16!





Cliff Walks | Newport, Rhode Island



Myrtle Beach, South Carolina



Garden of the Gods | Colorado Springs, Colorado



Ark Encounter | Williamstown, Kentucky



Niagara Falls, New York



Mystic Seaport Museum | Mystic, Connecticut



Plymouth, Massachusetts



Pike's Peak | Colorado Springs, Colorado

MEET *our family*



Ashley's family all lives within a 20 minute drive from us. Ashley's parents have been married for 41 years. She is the oldest sibling of four, with two younger brothers and a younger sister. Her oldest brother is married with two children, and they are around Payten and Ella's age. Her sister was married in November of 2022. Her youngest brother just turned 20 and is planning to join the Navy in the spring. When Ashley was 15, her sister was born, and when she was 19, her youngest brother was born. Ashley was a great help when they were growing up, and she has loved taking care of children ever since. With her family being in close proximity, it gives us the opportunity to see each other often-for birthdays, sporting events, holidays, special occasions, and just for fun. Ashley's parents have a pool, so in the summers, we spend a lot of time over there. We have vacationed together too, which is always an adventure.



Tyler's family lives in North Georgia, which is a 7 hour drive from us. We try to visit them a couple times a year, once in the spring or summer, and we spend Thanksgiving with them too. Tyler's parents have been married for 43 years. They are retired and are able to come up and visit us a couple times throughout the year. Tyler's dad loves taking the grandkids for a Dollar General challenge. He gives them a time limit, an amount to spend, and a stipulation of at least one item that they have to get (i.e. something green, a food, etc.). They always have a blast with this challenge! Tyler's younger brother is married, and they have three children. Our girls love having so many cousins! Though we don't get to spend as much time together as we would like, we make the most of the time that we do have. Hiking, bike riding, visiting parks, and playing pickleball are some of our favorite things to do together, and we always have a fun time. God has blessed us with an amazing and supportive extended family.



OUR home

WE BUILT OUR MODERN FARMHOUSE HOUSE IN 2020.

We live in a 5 bedroom, 3 bath house that we built ourselves. It truly was a labor of love, and we all pitched in to make it a home. We worked hard to make it comfy and cozy, welcoming and inviting. In our home, we eat dinner together every night. We love cooking together in the kitchen, snuggling on the couch with a good book and a blanket, and having pizza and movie nights on Fridays. Our home is located in rural Indiana. It is surrounded by farmland and wonderful neighbors. We often use our home to host parties and get-togethers. One of Tyler's favorite times of gathering is our 4th of July party where we invite our neighbors over for dinner and fireworks. Our home sits on roughly six acres of mostly pasture. We also have a small amount of woods, which we built our chicken coop in, so that our chickens could free range with some covering. We're a short walk to a creek, which our girls like to take advantage of in the summer, when we swim and fish.





OUR *community*

Our community has a nice library, a town square, a YMCA where our girls play sports, a new inclusive playground that our girls love, and a state forestry where we can swim, hike, and camp. It also has a pool that is open to residents in the summer, which we go to with friends from church. That pool is where our girls' swim team has practice and meets. We live 10 minutes from the usual city amenities where we shop, eat out, play recreational sports, and attend church. With our church being in our community, it gives us the chance to be actively involved in attending and in serving our church family. We have made many friends and spend lots of time outside of church with them. Many at our church have adopted or have been adopted, so they are and will continue to be a huge support in our adoption journey. In addition to our church family being close, Ashley's family lives in the next town over from us. This gives us the chance to get together often.

OUR FAMILY *values*

As we said at the beginning, we consider parenting one of the highest callings in our life and one of our greatest privileges. We are so thankful that God has given us the gift of children, and we do not take the responsibility of raising them lightly. When we decided that Ashley would step away from her teaching career and into the role of stay-at-home mom and primary educator for our children, we knew that it would be a big responsibility. We want to be the primary influence in their lives. For us, it is important that we teach our children to know God and His Word (the Bible), to know that He created all things, including them, and that they were made in His image, and to know that He has a special plan and purpose for their life. This is the very foundation by which all of our parenting and their education is built on.

We want our children to be critical thinkers, so we provide them with opportunities to think for themselves, encourage their questions, and foster their curiosity. We want them to be responsible, so we give them lots of practice by keeping them accountable for doing certain tasks around our house. Our older daughters work with Tyler on some of his construction jobs, and through that, they're learning the value of hard work and completing tasks to the best of their ability. We're teaching our daughters to be wives and mothers and teaching them how to take care of a home. If we are blessed with a son, we will teach him to be a husband and father, a protector and a provider. We foster the gifts and talents that God has given our children by giving them opportunities to be involved in art, music, and sports and by allowing them to serve in different capacities in our church. Homeschooling our girls has given us the unique opportunity to do all of these things, and we are a closer knit family because of it.



AND traditions

In our family, we have many fun traditions throughout the year. Some traditions have been passed down to us from our parents, but most are original to our family. Some of these are just for fun, while others are more meaningful. Each tradition promotes excitement and anticipation from all of us.



A few of our "milestone" traditions include:

When our children learn how to read, they get their very own Bible. Because of this, they have all looked forward to accomplishing this milestone.

We celebrate the first and last day of school.

For 10th birthdays, our children go on a camping trip with Tyler. Our oldest two have loved this special time with him.

On each family members' birthday, the house gets decorated, we have unicorn pancakes for breakfast, and the birthday honoree gets to pick what we have for dinner.



A few of our holiday traditions include:

A neighborhood cookout at our house on July 4th, with dinner and fireworks

Spending Labor Day Weekend camping with Ashley's family

An October visit to the pumpkin patch and family pumpkin carving

Spending Thanksgiving in Georgia with Tyler's family

Christmas brings the most traditions of all in our house- decorating early, matching Christmas PJs, a new personalized ornament for each of our children and our family, baking cookies, making ornaments, opening a book each day leading up to Christmas, visiting a Christmas tree farm and chopping down our favorite tree, decorating Gingerbread houses, Christmas morning breakfast...to name a few







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Thank you again for taking the time to get to know us. We would love to meet you and would love to share more about our life with you. If you choose to make an adoption plan with us, in our family you will be honored, respected, and loved. We will speak of you often and make sure that there is an understanding of the loving decision that you made. We welcome a relationship with you. Please know that we are praying for you and your child. Thank you for considering us.

-WITH LOVE-

Tyler and Ashley

