

Josh AND Aly



*Thank you for picking up
our book and taking a
glimpse into our life!*



Hello!

Our Note to You

WE ARE SO HAPPY
TO MEET YOU!

We know that the decision you are considering for your child is not an easy one, nor is it one that anyone should take lightly. We admire the selfless act that you are considering making for your baby. We want you to know, if you feel like we are the best fit for you and your child, we are going to put all that we have into loving your child. We have dreamed of becoming parents for years now and we are so excited to be growing our family through adoption. Your child will have a tribe of support and love around them. Our families and our community have been there every step of the way and will be actively involved in your child's life too. We will be giving him or her the best of what we have to give and they will always know they are loved - by us and by you. **We want you to feel at ease and secure when making this decision, as much as it is possible to be. We want your child to grow up knowing that we love and admire you as their first mom, the person from whom they received their beautiful features, and the person who made the toughest decision to allow them to thrive.** You will be a very loved and celebrated person in our home. We have been praying for you and your child since we first decided on adoption and are looking forward to the day we are able to meet.

Love
Josh + Aly







Our Hearts for Adoption

IN ALY'S WORDS

We have undergone multiple procedures over the course of four years to try and start our family. Between the both of us, any additional procedures we could do to help us conceive would have to be aggressive and extremely strenuous. **Although we have the option of continuing treatment and possibly conceiving biological children, we came to recognize our struggles as an opportunity to pursue the blessing of adoption.**

Although our infertility journey has led us here, adopting has always been something on our hearts that we hoped to do at some point in our lives. We are both teachers and love to see kids happy and healthy. We have gotten a tiny glimpse of what it looks like to serve kids from any and all backgrounds and situations, and have talked about opening our home to a child even from the time we were engaged. I have also experienced the gift of adoption first hand. Although I was not placed for adoption, my biological father was not in the picture from the time I was very young and, when my mother got remarried, I was adopted by my new father. I always felt very loved and extremely fortunate that he stepped in to care for me and call me his own.

Our Values

ONE

Our number one value as a family is to be Christ-centered. Everything we do, every decision we make, is made with Jesus in mind. We want our lives to align with God's calling for us and the truth He provides in the Bible. We strive to love each other well, the way Jesus loves us.

TWO

We value serving our local community, specifically the youth in our area. Between working in our classrooms, coaching, and serving in children's ministry, we feel as though the mission our family is on is to reach children and families in our area.

THREE

Family is a priority, from family time at home with just the two of us, to connection with our extended family. We regularly prioritize family dinners, afternoons at the pool, and celebrations with family. We know that time with family is precious and that will be even more prominent once we have a child to celebrate as well.

FOUR

Being fun-loving is a quality that we absolutely believe in. Life is busy. Life is hard. While the hard stuff isn't bad and work is important, we know that it is also important to have fun together, make memories, laugh a lot, and bring others into the joy we are experiencing.





Our Story

IN ALY'S WORDS

We met at our church in college and had mutual friends for three years before we really got to know each other well. We both volunteered, serving college students on campus, assisting in Bible Studies, and leading on Sunday Service teams. Eventually, we started talking about teaching. I was just about to go into my first year and Josh was about to start his student teaching. He talked so passionately about teaching, making a difference in kid's lives, the possibility of coaching and leading athletes on his campus, and being a light in his workplace. It was incredibly attractive to see someone be so passionate about my core values as well. While our values and beliefs align perfectly, Josh and I are incredibly different in personality and interests - I'm artistic, bubbly, more spontaneous. Josh on the other hand is logical, athletic, and steady. I was thankful to be dating someone that balanced me out so well.



**IT WAS EASY TO BE AROUND
EACH OTHER - WE COULD
BASICALLY DO NOTHING AND
HAVE THE BEST TIME EVER!**



FIRST MET
FALL 2014



STARTED DATING
DECEMBER 2017



GOT ENGAGED
SEPTEMBER 2018

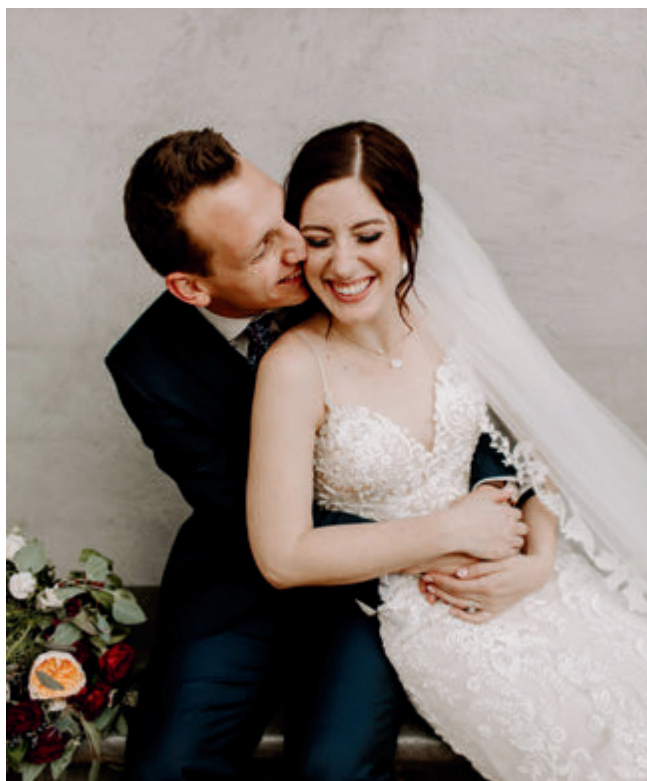


GOT MARRIED
MARCH 2019



OUR WEDDING DAY WAS AN ABSOLUTE DREAM

We had a very traditional, classy venue. Our ceremony was outside in front of a white gazebo and the reception was inside a beautiful, historic old school building, converted into a reception hall. Our families and lots of friends came to celebrate with us. It was the best day of our lives!





LOYAL

TRUSTWORTHY

DEDICATED

PASSIONATE

Josh

IN ALY'S WORDS

Josh is strong, determined, fiercely loyal, and hard-working. One of the things that attracted me to him was hearing his background and witnessing his response to the trials he had experienced. He had every reason to cope in unhealthy ways, blame, complain, and become bitter, but instead, he applied himself and focused on the positive things he had in his life. Ultimately, he put himself through university and developed his relationship with Jesus. He has never let hardship stand in the way of doing the right thing. He is the first one to volunteer to help others, put in extra work as a teacher and coach, and care for me when I need a little extra love and understanding.

Josh loves to have fun - he is active, goofy, and dying to have an excuse to use all of those dad jokes he tries to crack. He is passionate about helping youth in the community, he thrives when he is on the field coaching or interacting with students on campus. He is one of the most fun-loving and caring people I know. As a teacher and coach, Josh is a pro with teens. He is great at connecting with them. However, Josh shines with the little ones too. He is patient and caring. He is never afraid to be a little silly and loves to make kids laugh. Our best friends have the sweetest little girl and another baby on the way. We have been deemed "aunt" and "uncle," and take our roles very seriously. Josh is the best uncle to our niece - thinking of her often, and spoiling her with spontaneous little gifts. He is going to be the most amazing dad. He will be grateful for every stage and will be committed to making the best life possible for our children. Josh can make life a lot of fun for our kids, but more importantly, he will provide security; a soft place to land in every stage of their lives.

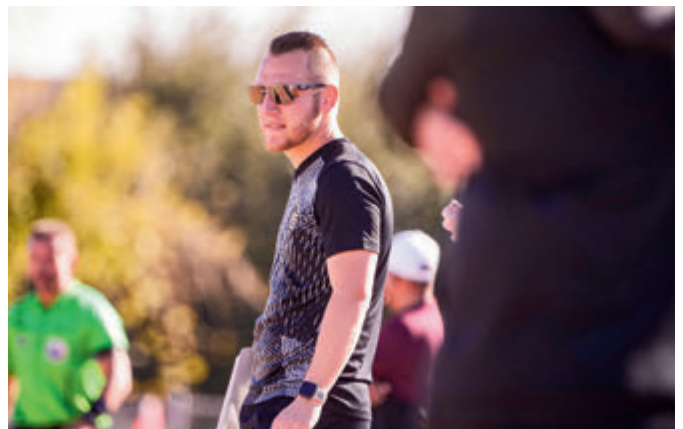


I have always dreamed of being a dad. It excites me to one day be a part of a child's journey and encourage them to love the Lord and live for Him. I am excited to coach my children and pass along my love for soccer. I am looking forward to seeing them grow up and watching their personality develop. This desire to be a part of a child's story has been a driver for my career as a coach and a teacher and now, as an adoptive parent. I want to give a child a secure, loving home and believe that my experiences have motivated me to be the best parent I can be.

About Me

HI, I'M JOSH!

I am a high school math teacher and soccer coach. I have been with my school for several years now and have taught levels from seventh to twelfth grade. My schedule is flexible, especially with our two week breaks throughout the school year and a six week summer. Aly and I operate on the same student calendar, so we will have many times throughout the year when we will both be off of work and our schedule will align with our kid's future school calendar. I value my job and love what I do, but nothing will be able to replace time spent with family.



I grew up in a soccer-loving family. We spent early mornings watching premier league soccer and played hours of soccer every week. Throughout middle and high school I was a dedicated athlete and was a part of a state championship-winning team. I have continued the family tradition of living and breathing soccer. I coach high school soccer, play in men's leagues in the evenings, and watch games with friends and family. Soccer was the sport that brought people together in my family and has taught me a lot about perseverance and community. Aly joins in my love for soccer by cheering me on in my games from the sidelines and helping host watch parties. She is not a sports fan like I am, but I am grateful that she supports my love for it.





BUBBLY

RELIABLE

CARING

THOUGHTFUL

Aly

IN JOSH'S WORDS

Aly is the kindest person. She has the biggest heart to serve and help others. From stories of the ladies she connects with in our church small group, to parents I have met of her former students, it is evident that she has a heart to love others. There is a family we have gotten to know through us teaching their daughters that we now have dinner dates and concert hangouts. It was Aly's connection with their daughter that helped form a friendship with their family. She just wants to let everyone she meets to know they are loved, and because of that, I know I am loved. Even through the hard times, I know she loves and respects me. From the very different experiences in my past, that means the world. She is the greatest person I know and I am blessed each day I get to spend with her.

Aly adores children and loves to serve and walk alongside them. She is an elementary teacher and is one of the best teachers in our district. She has the highest regard with students and their parents, enjoying each day she gets to spend with them. She also leads the kids program at our church and serves as the primary teacher. She is very excited for motherhood and I know the thought of learning how to nurture a child makes her extremely happy. As her husband, I am very excited to see her grow in a new way of becoming a mom. I just know the love she currently has is going to exponentially grow as she holds a baby in her arms and watches them grow up. I know she is going to be an amazing mother and just thinking about her becoming a mother fills me with joy.



I am looking forward to being a part of the story that God is writing for our son or daughter. I can't wait to meet our baby for the first time and watch them grow. I am eager to see them develop into their beautiful features, and see their little personality start to peek through. Every child is capable of great things - I just can't wait to see where our little one's greatness lies! I can't wait to cheer them on in the areas where God has gifted them and encourage and support them in the tough stuff. I have dreamed of being a mom my whole life and I can't wait to start the journey.

About Me

HI THERE, I'M ALY!

I am a sixth-grade teacher. I love giving kids meaningful experiences at school. I am also a lead on our response-to-intervention team that meets with parents and teachers to help support students who have academic or behavioral difficulties. I also help lead our student council, planning school events, spirit days, and fundraisers. The best part of my job is being a cheerleader for the kids entrusted to me. They come into my room from a variety of backgrounds and experiences, but I hope they leave my room every day knowing that they are capable and cared for. I will have ample time for maternity leave once the baby arrives. We have family around to help support us in our daycare needs.



I am the hobby queen! I have tons of interests and you can always find me busy working on something. I have a side business painting murals in homes and love to paint on canvas as well. I am looking forward to painting a mural in our soon-to-be nursery. You can often find me with a book within reach and I could spend a couple of hours browsing through Barnes and Noble. I love trying new recipes and making homemade meals. In the last year, I have taken to making fresh pasta and bread. I am also the go-to dessert-girl for family gatherings. I like to crochet and have been working on a couple of projects for our future baby. I love having some sort of academic or creative outlet. I grew up singing and performing in choir and musical theater. Now, I get to sing at our church as a part of the music team!



This Is Us

WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR FIVE AND A HALF YEARS NOW AND
ARE GROWING STRONGER AND CLOSER EVERY SINGLE DAY.

We are homebodies at heart and love spending time around a campfire, and talking with friends and family over dinner. We enjoy watching movies and recently started doing movie nights in our backyard with a giant inflatable screen and projector. We love making it into a whole event! We also love to go country dancing together. It was an activity we did a lot when we were dating and it makes us feel really happy and connected. Aly is into reading, so we try to take time throughout the week to slow down, sit together, and read. A favorite date night is strolling through Barnes and Noble to help each other find a good book. Josh loves board games and cards and we love hosting game nights with friends.

Our faith and relationship with Jesus keep us focused on our vision for our family. We prioritize God's calling for us above everything, and that includes loving one another with a sacrificial kind of love and putting one another above ourselves. We are committed to talking through conflict and getting help from mentors, family, and friends when we need it. We rely on our close community to help us stay focused on prioritizing a healthy marriage. We are very open with one another and have conversations about conflict from a place of humility and love, rather than defensiveness and rejection.





Welcome In!

WE LIVE IN ARIZONA AND HAVE LOTS OF SUNSHINE TO SPARE. WE LOVE TO HOST AND FREQUENTLY HAVE FRIENDS AND FAMILY OVER. FROM LEADING A WEEKLY SMALL GROUP FOR OUR CHURCH TO FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTIES, WE LOVE HAVING LOVED ONES IN OUR HOME.



We live in a great suburban area that still has a homey, rural feel. Even though our yard is perfectly sized for lots of activity, the neighborhood park is a short walk away, complete with a jungle gym, soccer goals, and a baseball diamond. We also have large public parks nearby that include lots of play options and great splash pads and water features for kids. Our house has beautiful mountain views and family farms nearby. It has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a great size yard. It was a new build when we bought it in 2020.

When we have a night off together, we like to make regular movie nights lots of fun - usually starting with making some homemade pizzas and ending with a fun sleepover with a new movie in the living room; a tradition we hope to continue with our kids.

I love decorating for holidays and making our home feel fun and full of life. My happy place is the kitchen. I love cooking and baking and I can't wait to be baking with little helping hands. - Aly

I am busy renovating our backyard. It has lots of space for running around, a place to warm up next to a bonfire with friends, and soon, a garden bed for fresh herbs and veggies. - Josh



Blue + Mia

We have rescued two dogs since being married. Mia is an American Staffordshire/Miniature Poodle Mix and Blue is a Husky/Pomeranian Mix. Both of our dogs have always done well around children and love to be around other people and their dog-friends. Mia is more of an observer and is the “protector” of the bunch, whereas Blue is a goofball who wants to be everyone’s best friend. They love to go out to restaurants with us and or go on visits to the dog park.





Aly's Family

My parents are Rick and Sarah. My mom is incredibly giving and generous. She can make anything exciting and she's already planning the sleepovers and playtime she is going to enjoy with her grandbabies. She is going to be an amazing grandma. My dad adopted me when I was five years old after marrying my mom. He enjoys music and cooking in his spare time, two of my favorite pastimes, which I learned from him. Although he wasn't in my life from the beginning, he has always been 100% my dad! My younger brother, Luke, is soft-spoken, thoughtful, and inquisitive. He is the king of thoughtful birthday and Christmas gifts, always getting something that you didn't even ask for, but he knew you needed it.

My family goes to California for a beach vacation every summer. We have our favorite food spots, schedule time to listen to our favorite local band, and even try to meet extended family there. We love to travel to other places to visit family when possible. From Washington D.C, to Washington State, we have many family members we get to visit all across the country. We recently had family on both sides move out to Texas and we can't wait to plan a trip out there soon!

I was very fortunate to grow up in a very fun-loving home with parents who afforded me every opportunity. I learned from my parents that the opportunity for kids to explore, make some choices, and learn by doing is massively important. I understood the benefit of hard work, what it looks like to be a part of a team, and how to persevere when things get tough. My parents prioritized my education and took time to study with me and even took part in events and field trips. When I am a mom, I will show up for my kids. I will be there to watch their performances every time, show up to the games, take trips to stores for projects, read a book series with them, and take part in whatever is meaningful for them. I know I will have my own flaws like anyone else, but I hope to teach my children important lessons through activities like my parents did and provide the same kind of support that I received as a child.





Josh's Family

My mom, Christina, is married to Mark. My mom has a big, bubbly personality. She works as a nurse and is very passionate about her work and industry. She is there to help whenever we ask, from letting us live with her and her husband while our house was being built to showing up to completely refurbish our patio as a birthday surprise. While I did not grow up with Mark in the picture, he is a wonderful addition to the family. Mark is a very calm and grounded guy, and would be happy to talk about the Seattle Seahawks or the Washington Huskies with you. He is always very positive and encouraging and we enjoy his company.

My father, Michael, was my hero growing up - he was everything I ever wanted to be when I grew up. My parent's messy divorce left my dad very changed and he has not been in a healthy place since. I love my father very much and think about him and pray for him often. We hope the day comes when he is willing to reconnect.

My younger brother, Eli, has a larger-than-life personality. He is incredibly optimistic and encouraging. He is currently thriving in his new role as a full-time campus minister. Greg is my youngest brother. He is incredibly smart and is always on a new adventure with his education and career.

My upbringing was chaotic and has absolutely shaped how I plan to parent. I witnessed a very unhealthy relationship and have since strived to form healthy relationship habits. I am committed to prioritizing the most important things to ensure that my family feels supported and secure on a united front. Although my upbringing was far from perfect, there are positive things that I hope to replicate as a father. My dad was always involved in my athletics. He was there as a fan and a coach - supporting me, helping me improve, and taking part in the things I loved. I plan to be involved in the sports my kids love and volunteer to coach in sports and cheer on my kids in the adventures they choose to pursue.



Holiday Fun

IN ALY'S WORDS

My side of the family is really into celebrations and traditions. The very first time I introduced Josh to my family, I took him to the annual Christmas cookie decorating day. Hundreds of cookies get baked and iced, ready to be used for holiday events, and shared with friends and family. This has been a tradition in my family every year for the last sixty some years. We also kick off the Christmas season with a Christmas movie while we put up the tree. We go ice skating or drive around to see the best lights. Josh dresses to impress with holiday-themed suits that he wears to work and Christmas parties - I even jumped on board with a matching dress this past year! We spend time connecting, sharing meals, and watching holiday-themed movies with family. Usually on Thanksgiving or New Year's, we take a trip to Josh's family's ranch to visit with aunts, uncles, and his grandma. We spend time running around with our dogs on the property and visiting with family over dinner or a campfire.

Josh didn't grow up making a big deal out of birthdays, but that is my specialty! I always decorate the house with birthday signs, we open presents, the birthday honoree gets to pick dinner, and I make a requested dessert. Usually, we meet family for a celebration on the weekend of a birthday to celebrate with a bigger group. My parents always did this for me growing up and it made me feel so special. It is definitely a tradition we plan to continue.





Faith + Education



There are tons of options in our area from public to private to charter, and even a large homeschool community. We have access to many high-quality choices for whatever fit is going to be best for our family down the road. **We know, no matter what we decide to do in the future, that education starts in the home and the principles we teach our children about their identity and the value we place on education will be paramount.**

We plan to support our children in whatever path they choose. We are excited to see them pursue any career opportunity that God uses their giftings for, whether that be a college degree, trade school, or another avenue. We will support their endeavors by providing a loving home that will encourage them to build character and take risks; that may look like providing tutoring for academic support, helping them apply for jobs in high school, financially investing in their future at a young age, and encouraging them to explore extracurriculars that interest them.

We are incredibly close to our church community. Aly helps lead the children's ministry program, as well as sings on the music ministry team. Josh helps lead the security team. Together we also serve on the leadership team as small group leaders. We have many couples in our corner who are a step or two ahead, ready to mentor us and help us whenever we need it. Our faith is the number one driver in our lives. **We want to raise our children to know and follow Jesus.** He has been so good to us and we know that He has great plans for our future children as well. We want to raise children to know that being a part of a local church is vastly important. We have benefitted so much from having our community support us and walk with us through every season. We also want to demonstrate to our children what it looks like to have a relationship with Jesus. We want to be reading the Bible, praying as a family, and walking out our faith day in and day out. We want our children to see that we value the characteristics of honesty, integrity, vulnerability, and selflessness.



Our Hopes + Dreams





While we may plan for the future, it's really the Lord that directs our steps. We are open to whatever it is that He calls us to do. As of right now, it is our plan to stay in Arizona. Our ties to family and community are so great that it would be difficult for us to make a drastic change. We hope to move into a larger home and ideally have a small bit of land for our family to explore. We would love to have space for a garden, a place for the kids to run around, kick the soccer ball, and maybe even make space for a chicken coop. Our dream is to have fresh eggs, fruit, and veggies right in the backyard. We would love to travel when possible. We will definitely take time to visit family across the country and join family at the beach most summers. We are going to try and make a trip to watch one of the World Cup games in 2026 - a lifelong dream of Josh's! And, God-willing, we will continue to grow our family!

Before You Go



WE ARE CHEERING YOU ON! WE ARE HONORED TO
BE CONSIDERED AS PARENTS FOR YOUR CHILD.





AS YOU CONTINUE ON YOUR JOURNEY OF SELECTING THE BEST POSSIBLE HOME FOR YOUR CHILD, KNOW THAT WE ADMIRE YOUR STRENGTH AND RESILIENCE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES YOU ARE IN. WE DON'T KNOW YOUR STORY OR WHAT LED YOU HERE, BUT WE CAN TELL A LOT ABOUT YOUR HEART, YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR CHILD, AND YOUR STRENGTH FROM THE FACT THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING ADOPTION.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know our family and consider us as parents to your baby. If you move forward in this process with us please know that we will love your child unconditionally and strive to help them understand their story. You will always be celebrated and honored in our home. You will be spoken about with love and affection and we hope that your child always feels loved because of the selfless decision you are making. **We would love to meet you and build a relationship with you. We would be honored to be parents to your child, but we also believe that it is important for them to know where they came from and to be able to ask questions about parts of who they are.** Hopefully, this is the start of a long and meaningful relationship we get to pursue with you. It is evident that you love and care for your baby very much just based on the fact that you are carefully considering your options as you choose the right fit for him or her. While we hope that our paths align and that we are the family you are looking for, we ultimately pray that you would have clarity and peace in the choice you are making, whether that is with us or another family.

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