

Sara and Paul

### "KEEP YOUR EYES

ON THE STARS

### AND YOUR FEET

ON THE GROUND"

- Teddy Roosevelt



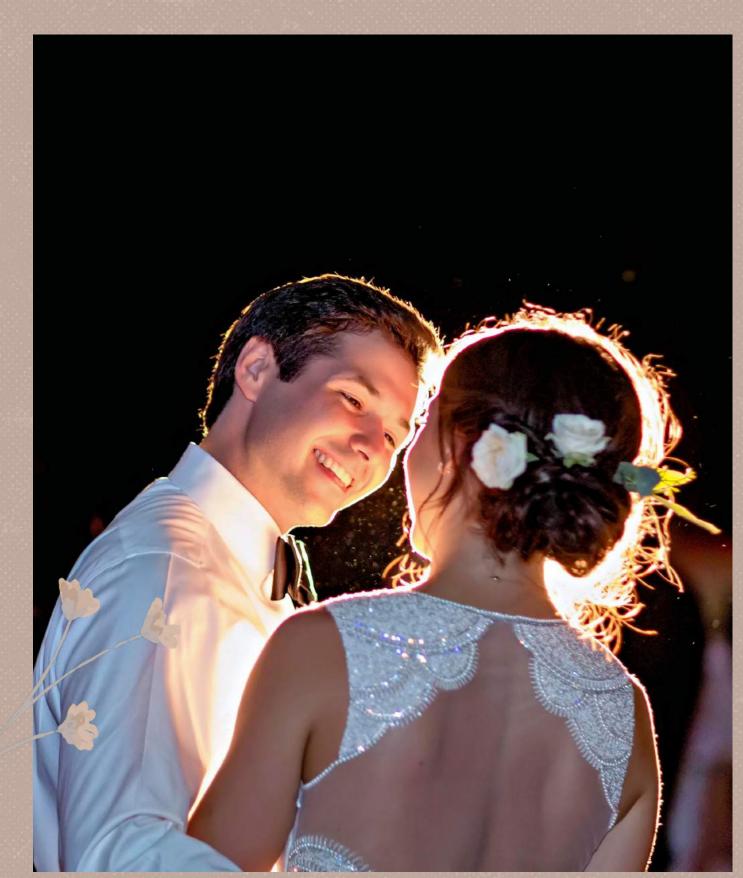




### HELLO

Thank you so much for taking the time to view this book and get to know us a little better. We have always wanted a big family full of love and joy. Through prayer, God has led us to adoption. We do not know the journey that has brought you here, but we know that this decision has been incredibly hard. We have immense love and respect for mothers considering adoption. Thank you for considering us to parent the precious child you care for and love. A child would be such a blessing to our family.

### OUR LOVE STORY





We met at at the University of Tennessee. Sara was drawn to Paul because he was so truly himself and not worried about what other people thought of him. Paul was drawn to Sara because she was laid back, hard working, and a loyal friend. We have a sweet 7 year old dog named Reggie. We have a daughter, Prue, who is the center of our lives. We have so much more love to give. We have struggled with infertility for the last two years and are excited for the adoption journey.

I am a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at a Pediatric Oncology Hospital. I love my patients and their families. I love my family and am especially close to my two sisters. My greatest joy in life is being a mother. I like going on long walks with a friend. I like to go to the playground with our daughter. I like to cook and bake.

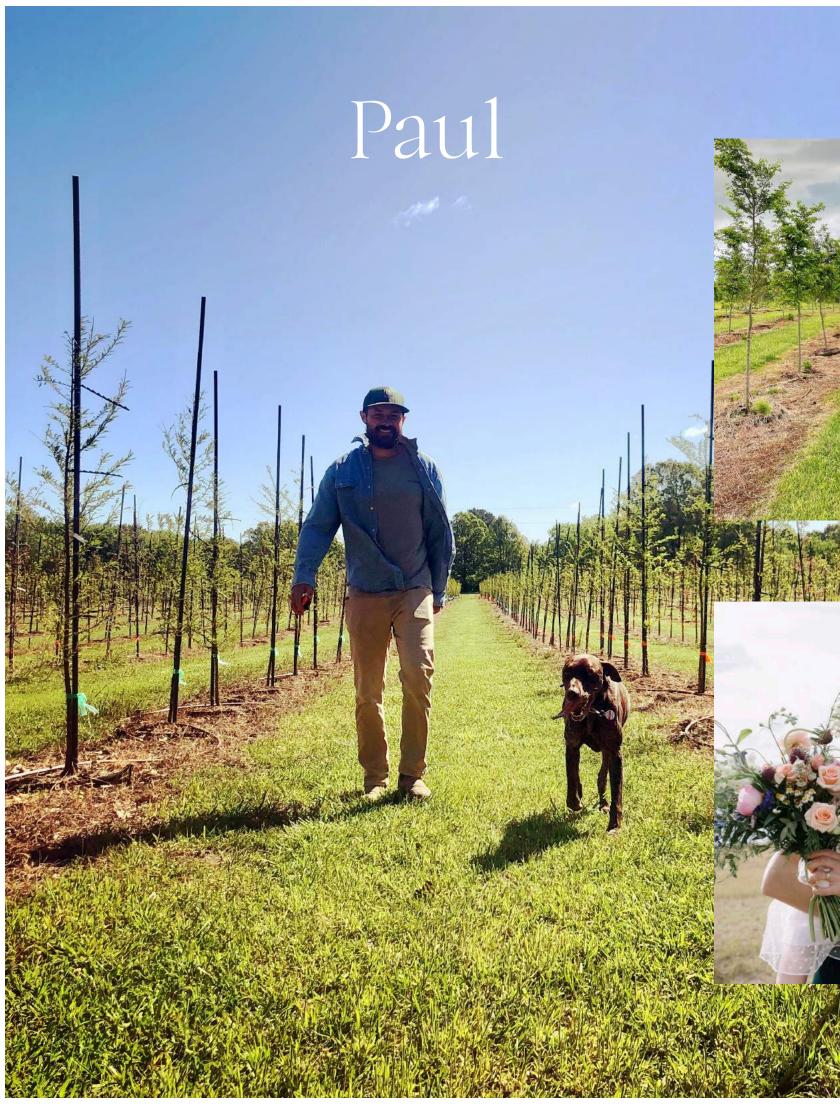


Sara is tough on the outside, but soft on the inside. She is extremely hardworking. She cares deeply for her patients. Her family means the world to her. She puts our daughter first no matter what. I have loved watching her become a mom, she is so good at it. Sara has a special relationship with a young woman named Miracle. They have been "big/little sister" for over 5 years.











I started my own wholesale tree farm 4 years ago and have since planted over 20,000 trees. I love my work and being outside. I like to grill in the backyard. I love spending time with my daughter and wife. And I love football, especially the Tennessee Volunteers.



Paul is a dreamer. He followed his dreams to start a tree farm and is very successful. He is a wonderful father. He loves me and our daughter very well. He is a true partner, he cooks, cleans, and takes care of our daughter with me equally. Paul is the kind of guy that is friends with everyone.

# Prue





Prudenzia "Prue" is **silly and shy.** She is three and a half. She likes to ride her bike. Go to the park. Color. Sing nursery rhymes. Play fetch with Reggie. She loves babies and we can't wait for her to have a special relationship with a sibling.

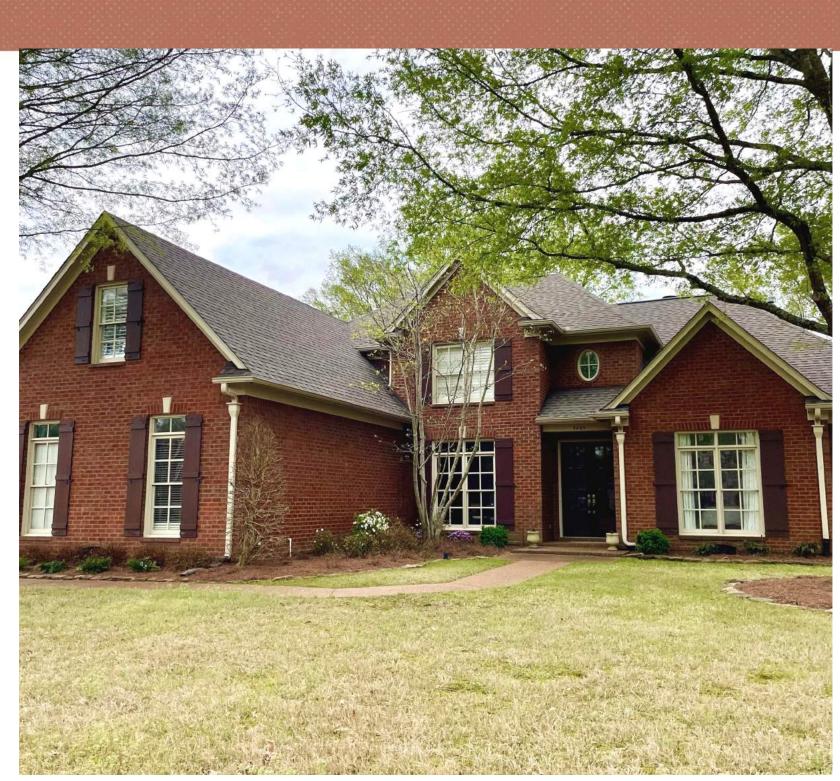
### Reggie





Reggie is named after a Tennessee Football player. He is a German ShortHaired Pointer and is 7.5 years old. He used to be hyper but now he is lazy. He likes to go on walks with mom and go to the farm with dad. He likes to snuggle with Prue on the couch.

# Ountoine

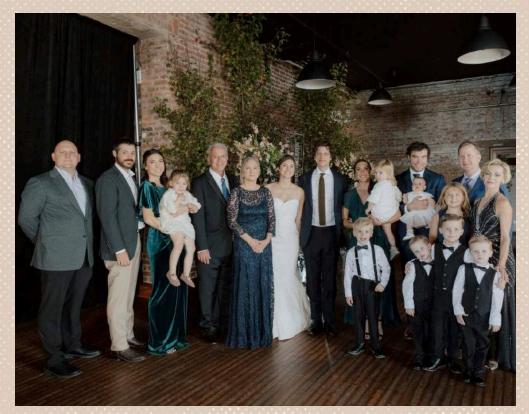


Our home has 5 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms. We spend most of the time in the kitchen/living room or outside on the porch. Prue also loves her playroom. We live in a quiet suburban neighborhood with a lot of other families. Our favorite thing is to spend time outside. We blow bubbles, color with chalk, and play fetch with Reggie. We have a walking trail and a playground in our neighborhood that we use almost everyday. There is also a neighborhood pool, you will find us there all summer.



We both have large, supportive families. Paul's parents have been married for over 30 years and have been a great example of a loving family unit. Paul has a younger sister as well as a younger brother. Sara's parents are also still married and have been for 35 years. We feel so lucky that we have our parents to go to for advice. Sara is one of five. She has loved growing up in a large family. Prue has a lot of cousins that she loves to play with. We love spending holidays with our families and taking family vacations.











# Family traditions

Holidays are a big deal in our family. We do it big for them all, but especially Christmas. We love going to see Christmas lights, Santa Claus, and the Christmas Parade. Every year for the Fourth of July we have friends and family out to the farm. We cook, swim, and ride around on the tractors. Paul is in charge of the firework show and tries to outdo himself each year. It is also tradition to take a family vacation with Paul's family and Sara's family each year. We go skiing, go to the beach, and the next trip we want to take is to Disney World.

A fun highlight in our own yard is that every year Paul plants a small garden in the backyard. Prue has gotten in on the tradition. She loves picking tomatoes off the vine and eating them.



# Our towartes

#### Paul

\*Vacation spot: The Beach.

\*Sports team: Tennessee Volunteers.

\*Ice cream flavor: Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough.

\*Dream Job: The one I have, a tree farmer!

\*Seasonal activity: Riding bikes to the local ice cream parlor.

#### Sara

\*Vacation spot: Utah, we love to ski and can't wait to teach our children one day.

\*Languages you speak: Spanish.

\*Perfect day: Spending the day on the lake with my family.

\*Hobby: Reading and Running.

\*Favorite TV show: Anything Reality TV.



## Parenting Thoughts





Paul- I have really enjoyed sharing things I like to do with Prue. We fish together, go to the farm together, and hike together. She is learning to love football too. I love being silly and playful with her.

Sara- I never knew how much I could love someone. Prue has created so much room in my heart. I have so much more love to give and want to share it with another child. I have loved seeing her personality blossom.

### Thank lou



We have always wanted a large, loving family. While we do have a daughter, we are looking to grow our family. Our prayer was never to get pregnant but was to have another baby to love and cherish. God is leading us to embrace diversity within our family and we are ready to parent a child that is a different race. We are committed to understand the child's culture. We respect all expecting mothers, their families, and the choices they make for their babies. We would love to have you be a part of our family's life. We would love for you to share in the joy of the child and be a part of this child's growth. We are praying for you on your journey.

