

*Nate + Morgan*



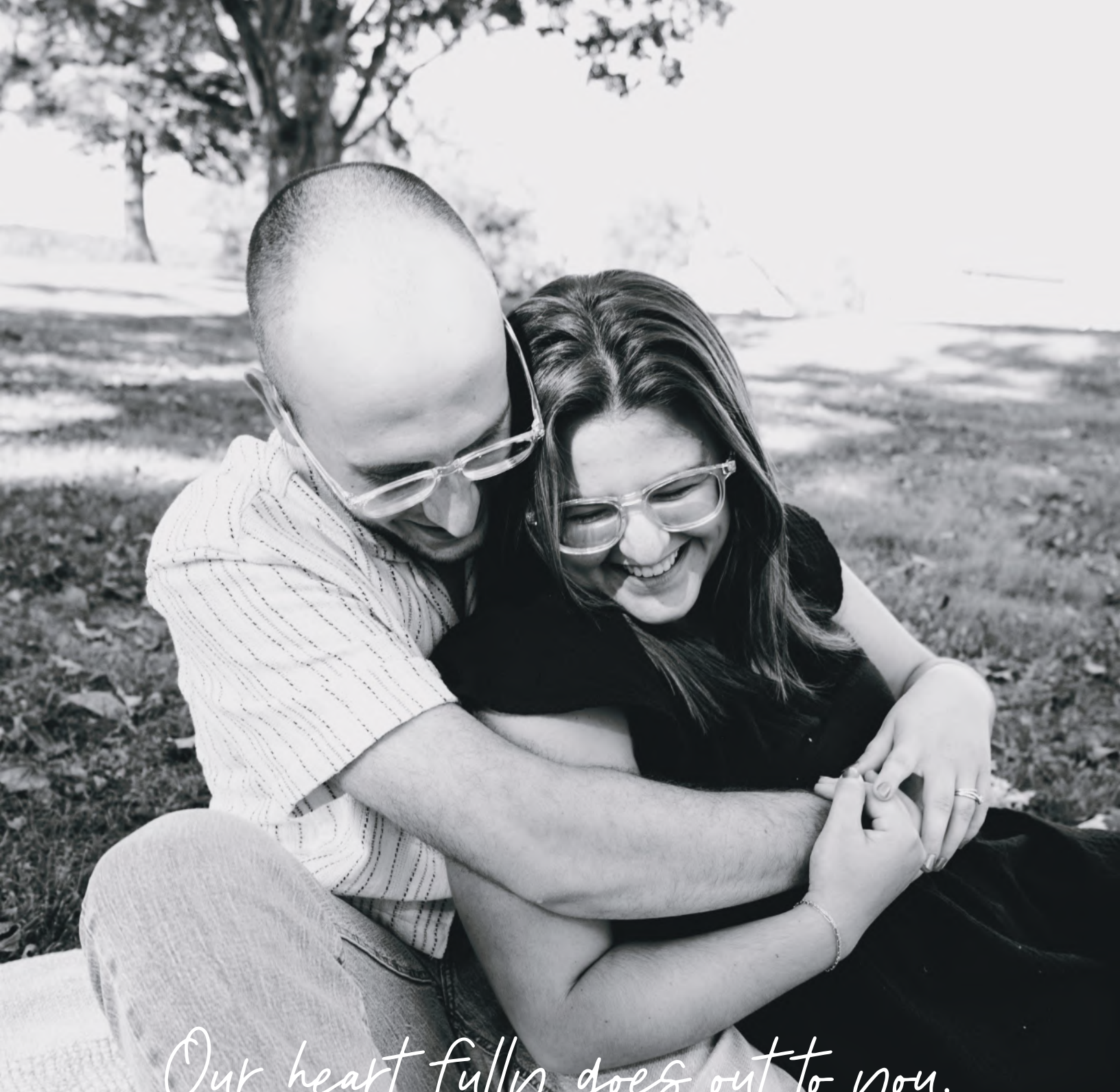






*HELLO!*





*Our heart fully goes out to you.*

ALTHOUGH WE HAVE YET TO MEET YOU, WE CAN TELL YOU ARE COURAGEOUS, SELFLESS AND LOVING JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE CONSIDERING ADOPTION FOR YOUR CHILD. WE WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE A BLESSING IN OUR HOME, AND WE VOW TO CHERISH THEM EACH DAY. OUR PRAYER FOR YOU IS THAT YOU WOULD EXPERIENCE PEACE IN WHATEVER DECISION YOU MAKE MOVING FORWARD. WE CAN ASSURE YOU THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE LOVED AND NURTURED BEYOND MEASURE BY NOT ONLY US, BY OUR EXTENDED FAMILY, CHURCH COMMUNITY, AND YOU.





We are so honored that you are taking the time to get to know us by reading this book! Our hope for you is that you feel seen in this process, and supported. We hope that you would catch just a glimpse of us, who we are, and our lifestyle. And, that we would connect and come alongside you with love and support, in whichever way you are comfortable. We acknowledge that this may be a difficult and overwhelming time for you. Although we have never been in your shoes or walked your path, we admire the selflessness you already portray by considering us to parent your child.

Our hopes for your child are that they grow up knowing they are loved and cared for, not only by us, but by you. We hope we can tell your baby about the strong, brave and selfless woman you are. Please know that while we care deeply for your child, we also care deeply for you. Our desire is a relationship that will reflect our heart for you and our willingness to be there for you in this season. We will respect any level of openness you prefer, but we are here for you too!

*With love,  
Nate + Morgan*



# WHY ADOPTION



Our hearts have always desired children. As long as we can remember, even when we were just dating, we talked about what life would look like with a house full of children to love on and raise up. Shortly after we got married, this hope felt within reach. Step one was marriage, step two was children. We quickly ran into roadblocks and came across the diagnoses of unexplained infertility. We were crushed. We tried any avenue we could for a few years until finally considering adoption.

After starting the research on what adoption really is, our hearts softened. We saw the miracle that adoption is. The honor it will be to parent a child not born to us but loved just the same. Our dreams have shifted. While we still desire a house full of children someday, we desire more to provide and care for a child, no matter how they join our family. To come alongside a birth mother with care and nurture. To be a friend, confidant, and support group. Truly, to extend the unconditional love of Christ.









# OUR LOVE STORY

*We have been married for  
three and a half years.*



Ironically, we went to the same high school. Nate was one grade ahead of Morgan, but Morgan always just thought of Nate as "the smart guy a grade above me" and Nate only knew Morgan's face from passing her in the hallway. We never really interacted and didn't even know each other's names. In 2018, Nate applied to work at a local pizza shop. Morgan had already been working there for a few years and ended up being the one training Nate on his first shift. Nate says there was a connection the same day, whereas Morgan's mind was not really considering dating. All it took was a few late-night closing shifts together until the feelings were mutual and the rest is history.

Fast forward eight years and we have grown so much together. We have been through major life changes; parents' divorce, sickness, death, four moves, college graduation, career changes and so much more. We have cried together, listened to one another, and held each other when we were weak. We both can agree that we couldn't have made it without the other the last few years especially. We have also experienced so much joy over the past few years. We encountered the Lord together, took a lovely cruise two years ago and called it a delayed honeymoon, and helped welcome our precious niece, Harper, into the family and have grown such a sweet bond with her.





*Trust in the Lord with all of your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding. In  
all your ways acknowledge Him and He  
will make your paths straight.*

## OUR BIG MILESTONES

**April 2018**

Met a local pizza shop. How romantic!

**July 2018**

Started dating.

**June 2021**

Got engaged in Ocean City, Maryland.

**February 2022**

Got married!



One of the biggest ways we prioritize connection is by going on walks together. Somehow, the side-by-side conversation in nature, without life's busyness brings about the best connection. We have a walking track near our house, and we typically enjoy a walk after dinner. We both find love and respect in serving each other. Nate never forgets to bring a bottle of water to bed, always checks that Morgan's phone is plugged in, and that our alarm is set for the next morning. Morgan packs Nate's lunch each day and always has the house tidy so Nate can feel peace after work in the evenings. We both learn and grow in our relationship by making sure we understand one another's love language and make the other person feel valued every day. When difficulties arise, we communicate with each other to get an understanding of where the other person is coming from to create a solution going forward, helping us both to grow in our relationship.



LOYAL  
GENEROUS  
HONEST

*NATE*

## IN MORGAN'S WORDS

Anywhere I am with Nate feels like home. He truly is my protector and my peace. Admittedly, I am one to worry; I can spiral into worry about every possible outcome for every scenario. Nate is my constant reminder to take things day by day. Although he is a man of few words, his presence and listening ear followed by his hug brings peace to my heart. Nate is so intelligent. He is able to memorize and learn nearly anything on the first try. He also has such a servant's heart. His willingness to serve me and others brings me such joy! Just thinking about the gift of my husband can bring me to tears. Nate is the first person to volunteer to mulch a widow's yard or give someone a ride to church. He truly shows his love to me and others in the simplest, most thoughtful ways. Another one of the most common traits Nate displays is goofiness. He has a very special sense of humor. He is quick witted and never fails to have people laughing until they cry. He is so good at being the fun guy!

I love Nate's affection for our niece Harper, and his sister, Cady. Cady and Nate are so close, and Nate would show up for her and Harper at the drop of a hat. Nate is best friends with Harper. She loves when Nate shares his wallet with her so she can toddle around with it, or when he pushes her in her swing. Seeing the unconditional love Nate shows to her makes my heart happy. I know for a fact he will make a great father when it is our time. Seeing this makes me love and trust him all the more!



## HOBBIES

- Golfing is a special treat for a Sunday afternoon.
- I enjoy playing corn hole at picnics, camping, and whenever else I get the chance!
- I love camping especially with s'mores and campfire talks.
- I love group game nights! CATAN is a favorite and BINGO with our family on holidays.
- I enjoy getting out on the water to go kayaking.

### *Fun Fact*

I have a photographic memory! I can memorize the numbers on my BINGO card and Morgan's all at once!



I am an accountant for a small company and I am also an auditor. This comes with a lot of responsibility as it involves peoples' and business's financial information. What I love most about this job is that every day is like a new puzzle to solve. I know even if I just finished a tax return, it's on to the next or a new audit. I have been with this company for a little over two years now and they are very family-friendly and flexible. They are especially accommodating when I need time off for family related matters. I will have additional time off for the adoption and bonding with our baby.

One of my greatest prayers for our child is that they would grow up in a loving and supportive household. I vow to always support their interest and talents no matter where it takes them in life, whether it be on a sports field, the theater, or something totally different. I will always be their #1 fan, making sure that they feel loved and supported their whole life. I want our child to grow up knowing and having a relationship with the Lord. I have personally seen the impact and life change it has brought to Morgan and I over the last few years, and I want our child to experience that. I pray that they would be a light in this world, and truly make a difference and stand out among the societal norms. I want to be a father who loves unconditionally. I will provide my children with everything necessary for them to grow up in a happy and healthy home where they are taught about God's love for them, as well as how much they are loved by the people around them.



DEDICATED  
EMPATHETIC  
LOYAL

# MORGAN

## IN NATE'S WORDS

The thing that I admire most about Morgan is her constant pursuit of the Lord. There is not a day that goes by that I come home, and I don't see her Bible in the chair right where she left off from reading in the morning. Morgan is a very strong, hardworking, and determined individual. Ever since I met her, I noticed she's not afraid to put the work in to get the results she is after. She is also very gentle and loving. I've seen this side of her through her serving with the kid's ministry at church. She is the absolute best with kids. The way she can so effortlessly talk with them and play with them truly comes naturally for her. Morgan can go from a complete stranger to a child's best friend in less than five minutes. The kids remember her week to week, and always appreciate feeling seen and heard by Morgan.

Before I met Morgan, I struggled with lack of ambition. An example of this is when we first met at the pizza shop. I would skim by, only working one night a week, with no reason other than I had no desire to go above and beyond. She would encourage me to work more shifts, and be working toward something, to always have a goal to focus on. At first, I was hesitant but now looking back I can see her pushing me to only better myself. This is just one example of how she has helped to push me to be the best version of myself. I am truly blessed by God to have Morgan as my wife!



## HOBBIES

- Reading, especially curled up with a blanket when the windows are open!
- Walking while listening to music or podcasts.
- Exercise classes, lifting weights, barre and pilates
- Embroidery is a newer hobby that I am learning!
- I'm a water bug! Kayaking, beaching, swimming, parasailing, and speed boats are my favorite!

### *Fun Fact*

My favorite foods are ice cream and watermelon!



I work at a soap company as a retail manager with a small group of employees who truly have a passion for clean, handmade body care. In our house, we use all 100% natural cleaners, body care products, laundry soap, and more. I love the interaction with our customers; their smiling faces brighten my day. My job is so family friendly! Our boss has a daughter, so she is very understanding when things come up. Moving forward, I desire to be a stay-at-home mom and Nate is fully supportive of this. We believe having a parent fully present, physically and emotionally is vital, especially in infancy.

I want our children to grow up in a calm home. I want to be an approachable and supportive mother. I know as Nate and I submit to the Lord, He will grow us in our strengths and weaknesses in raising a child. My prayer has been that our children will know God. We firmly believe there is nothing more important than a relationship with Him. Aside from that, I pray they will be bold and courageous and that they will be empowered to make a difference in the world. I pray that our child would be friends with the bullied, generous to the poor, and uplifting to the sick.

I grew up in a home with strained parental relationships. Often, I took on the role of an adult at too early of an age. I know how that impacted me growing up and I know it was a huge contributing factor to my addiction to work and productivity. I thank Nate for pulling me out of that. I pray that our children can be raised in a space they can be exactly that-children-knowing they can always come home to us and that our love is unconditional. As a mother, I want to love selflessly and cultivate a home where our child will be able to explore and learn. To ask questions, even the difficult ones, without fear. Being present and approachable as a mother will demonstrate my abundance of love for our children.





## *WE LIVE A SIMPLE LIFESTYLE.*

On a typical weekend, you can catch us at any local school sporting event. Football is Nate's go-to and Morgan loves cheering on the high school kids too. On the weekends, we try to visit with as much family as possible. This includes our sweet little niece, Harper. Whether we go to the park or she joins us for a walk, it's not uncommon to play the afternoon away with her! It doesn't take long for our weekends to be jam-packed with family time. What starts with a quick game of cards with Morgan's grandparents, turns into an all evening chat full of belly laughs and homemade ice cream. Saturday mornings often include a breakfast or coffee date. Our favorite is a peaceful local cafe where we enjoy pancakes and lattes together. A few special things we enjoy on occasion include attending Christian concerts and new adventures with friends on a bike or hiking trail.

IN THE SUMMER, THE AFTERNOONS ARE FOR RELAXING BY OUR POOL. IN THE WINTER, WE LOVE TO SNUGGLE UP AND WATCH THE SNOWFLAKES FALL. WATCHING THE CLASSIC CHRISTMAS MOVIES ON REPEAT IS SOMETHING WE LOVE. SOME OF OUR FAVORITES TO WATCH ARE ELF AND THE POLAR EXPRESS.





## *WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE KIDS IN OUR LIFE!*

We are surrounded with a huge group of kiddos to love on. We adore spending time with our friends and their babies and watching them learn and grow. In our friend group, we have nearly ten babies under the age of two. It is heartwarming to know they will all grow up with built-in best friends. We are praying that we can bring the perfect addition to this little friend group, when it's our time. We love showing up for these cuties every second we can. Baby dedications, first birthday parties, or just having them at our gatherings makes our hearts so hopeful for the future!







WHAT MAKES US TICK

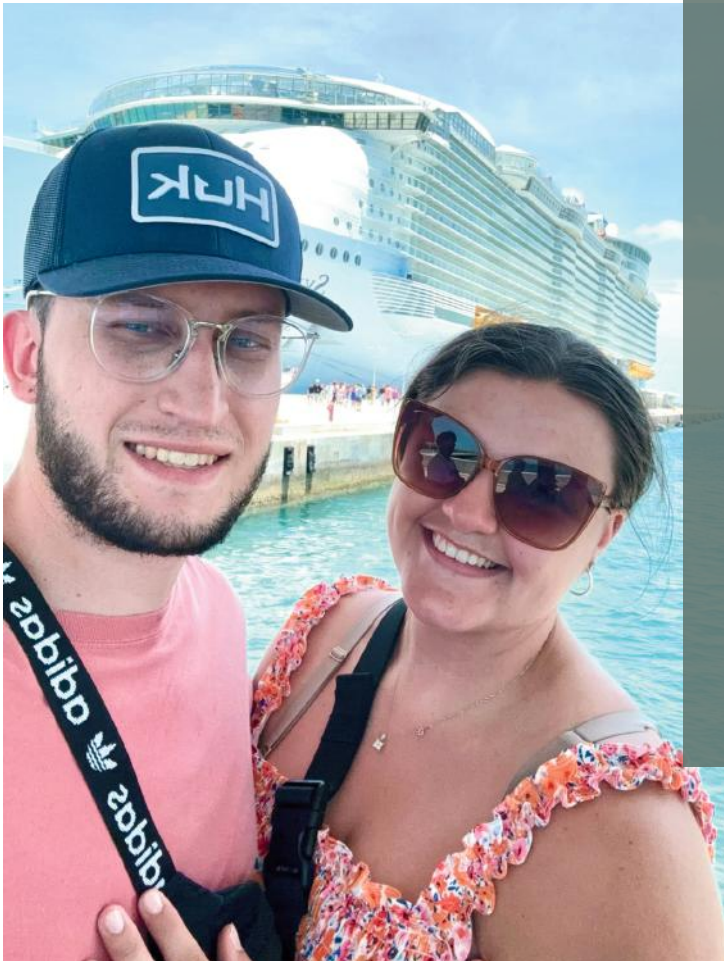
# *OUR VALUES*





### FAITH + CHURCH

Our faith has a big role in our relationship. Ever since we came to the faith in 2023, we have been attending church multiple times a week. This has created a community of believers that surround us both physically and in prayer. Morgan serves in the kids nursery and preschool ministry and Nate serves with the older elementary kids. We enjoy seeing the kiddos learn and grow from week to week. We love our church family and look forward to the gathering of the body of believers each week. We pray through all situations, surrendering them to the Lord and seeking his guidance. We want to extend the love and mercy Christ extends to us to everyone we encounter, including our children. The fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and self-control. This is the type of fruit we want to live out and demonstrate to our children, as a reflection of God's work in our lives.



### QUALITY TIME

As cliché as it sounds, we love to do anything, as long as we are together. Although Nate is competitive, we still enjoy a night of cards most weeks. Often, we join in with grandparents for a wild game of Uno. In addition, we value our ice cream dates. There are so many small, family-owned ice cream hidden gems in our area! This is always a quick, go-to date night for us.

### TIME IN NATURE

Pausing from the housework and admiring the beautiful creation is a great way to prioritize what's really important and forget about the woes of life. Running local holiday 5ks has become one of our favorite ways to enjoy being outside. We enjoy hiking, and there are some beautiful state parks and nature trails in our area. Swimming, cornhole, yard games, campfires, and parasailing are just a few ways we enjoy creation together!





*We love our home!*

It sits in a quiet neighborhood near a walking track and playground. Our backyard is ready for kids equipped with a swingset, large above ground pool, and a campfire ring. Our house has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a large sunroom which we hope to convert to a homeschool room or playroom in the future. Our house is open concept, which is helpful when we watch Harper or host family. Downstairs, we have a large family room. We are excited to convert this space into a kid-friendly hangout as they age. What will start as a playroom can transform into a space equipped for older kids to have slumber parties and after school hangouts. We spend the most time in the kitchen and living room. We love opening the windows and letting the fresh air float through the house. This is often accompanied by background music and the smell of something baking in the oven.

We enjoy having families over and cooking dinner for them in our kitchen, so much so that we had a large kitchen island built and installed recently so that we can easily host, entertain, and cook for large groups of people. We always like to have music playing in our home to keep it fun, encouraging, and entertaining depending on what we are doing. Our hope is that our home, in the future, is the home where our kids and their friends want to come to hang out because it is comfortable, inviting, fun, and safe.



*WELCOME IN*



## OUR COMMUNITY

We live in Pennsylvania. We were born and raised here, and both graduated from the school district we live in now. Our small town is loaded with farmland, roadside stands with fresh produce, wildflowers, and eggs. We have an adorable farmers market just a few minutes away. We truly love the small, slow paced environment our town provides. There is something about knowing your neighbors and everyone looking out for one another that brings us so much peace. The town is so close-knit, it's rare to leave the house and not bump into someone you know. Although we have our intimate town, this does not limit opportunities for experiencing the city life. There are bigger college campuses within an hour from us, along with outlets for shopping, arcades, and zoos. Countless parks and public pools, tennis courts, skate ramps and walking trails are just minutes away. In addition, our church has about 350 members and nearly everyone is on a first-name basis. Here we have a large number of events just for kids that we have the privilege of chaperoning. These include a carnival, lock-in sleepovers, local apple orchard trips, and much more.



## MEET TIA

We have one cat who we rescued right after our wedding! She has made our house not as quiet and always keeps us entertained. Tia is the most curious girl. She is intrigued by everything, but scared by a lot too, even her own tail! If we have guests, she often slips down into the basement or bedroom to hide out until everything is back to normal. She is the most gentle kitty with Harper. Even when Harper was first toddling and pulling on her tail, Tia simply allowed it. She is timid and kind. We are convinced she doesn't have a mean bone in her body.





# FAMILY

**Morgan's Family** - We love spending time with my family. It's not uncommon to invite my dad, Sam, over for dinner. He lives in the same development we do, which makes visits easy. My dad is a great carpenter and has helped us with various home improvement projects. My dad and Nate go deep sea fishing every year and I love that they have such a close relationship. My dad will make the best Pop! My mom, Jamie, and her husband, Mark, live about two hours away, but they drive to the area monthly to have dinner and play cards with my grandparents, Grammy and Pappy. My mom has a huge heart for Christmas and truly makes the season magical. My sister, Kelsey, and her partner, Johnny, live about two hours away as well. They are very involved in our lives and will be there for our children. On a weekend visit, Nate and Johnny hit the golf course while Kelsey and I head to a workout class or yard sales. We all get along so well!

**Nate's Family** - We really enjoy spending time with my family. My parents, Curt and Joleene, are always welcoming to us whenever we have nothing planned. It's common for them to get a phone call from us in the evening asking what they are up to and before long we are all eating dinner together. My parents live on ten acres in the woods above town and we like to take their side-by-side through the trails in the woods or for a spin around their development. They are very supportive of our adoption journey. My mom has a heart for adoption because she and her brother were adopted in infancy. My parents are so good with their granddaughter, Harper (14 months), and we know they will continue to be great grandparents to our child. My sister, Cady, lives about twenty minutes away from us with Harper. Cady and Harper enjoy visiting with us and often join us for Sunday lunch. Cady is excited for Harper to have a cousin! I also have a brother, Adam, who lives about an hour away from us. I have one grandma, GiGi. We see her weekly to take her for groceries or to just visit. She is wise and lively, and shares the same love of the Lord and card games that we do. I grew up frequenting Perkins and Senior Center Bingo nights with Gigi and she will be a vital part in our village as we raise a child.



## LOOKING AHEAD

We have moved several times in the last few years, but never more than a fifteen minute drive from one house to the next. We truly love it here in our simple, small town and plan to stay here as long as we are able. Although our life seems to be simple, we do enjoy an adventure or road trip here and there. We plan to keep our tradition of going to the beach each summer alive. This was a tradition both of us experienced growing up, and we can't wait to offer that to our children. We would love to have all the bedrooms full of children to raise, and we are open to however that may look!







## OUR HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

Each year, we go camping with Nate's parents three or four times. This is special because it's home away from home for a few days. There are family-friendly events at the campground and lots of good campfire food. We enjoy fireworks, bingo, mini golfing, hammock naps, and hiking the trails there. Another summertime favorite is our family picnic. There, Nate can lavish in competitive cornhole games and we have a simple, relaxing time catching up with those we love.

Our favorite Christmas tradition is the candlelight service at our church. We enjoy being surrounded by those we love and remembering the reason for it all. After this, we often do a small gift exchange before turning on a Christmas movie or making homemade cookies. Chocolate chip is the only cookie in Morgan's book, while Nate prefers sugar cookies.

Thanksgiving traditions include running the Turkey Trot, which is a local 5K. Neither of us are great runners, but we value moving our bodies. It's a competitive way for us to exercise and be outside at the same time.





A tradition we hope to create and continue is going on cruises! We took our first cruise two years ago and it was so memorable. Traveling to different islands and seeing beautiful creation and wildlife was so much fun. Cruises are so family-friendly, and we can't wait until we can bring a little one along with us, and we hope to have the opportunity to travel together each year!

Our summertime traditions are arguably our favorite. Annual beach trips that include boat rides, fishing, and boardwalk shopping are something we always look forward to. We also have a large local fair we look forward to every summer. We love to walk around seeing friends, enjoying fair food, and watching the kids enjoy the carnival games and rides. It screams sweet summertime to us!



## EDUCATION

We dream often about what our future will look like for our children when it comes to education. Since we have a large community at our church, we feel that we can homeschool efficiently without sacrificing the social interaction kids need to learn and thrive. We will encourage our kids to be involved in whatever extracurricular they choose. Perhaps they will join chorus or field hockey like Morgan. Or, they may choose to bowl or play soccer like Nate. Either way, we will be their biggest cheerleaders! We feel strongly in supporting our children's wishes when it comes to post high school education. Nate pursued a four year degree while Morgan studied a trade and we believe it takes all kinds of occupations to make the world spin. We will never force our preferences onto our children, but rather let them learn and explore what they have a passion for. We pray they will follow their calling and excel in whatever higher education or career path they choose, all while being a light to others!

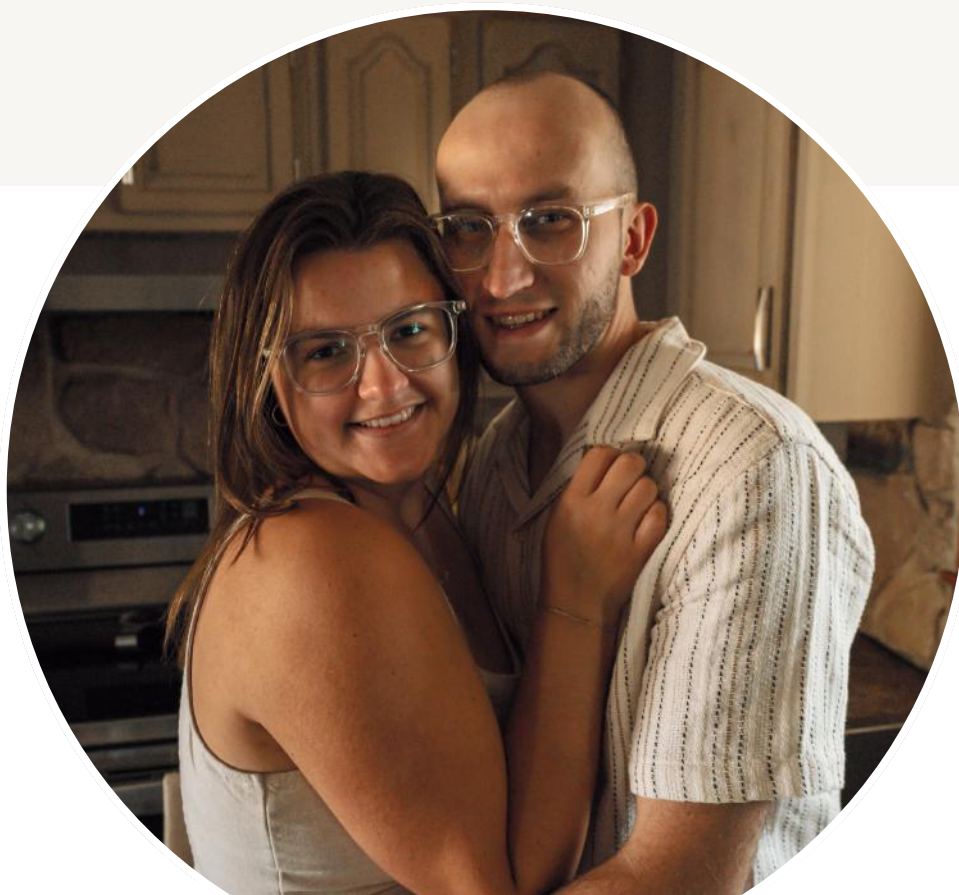






# OUR PROMISES *to You*

As we seek to grow our family, we want you to know the commitments we are making to you and your child. In our home, we will provide an emotionally stable space where peace is evident, love is demonstrated, and ice cream dates happen often. In our church, we will surround your child with a loving, like-minded Christian community with lots of kids to grow up beside. As your child grows, we will always honor their history and they will grow up knowing their identity, culture, and adoption story. They will always know that they are loved by you.



## THANK YOU

We want to reiterate again our genuine thankfulness to you for reading and learning about us in this book! We don't think that the simple words "thank you" can even portray our gladness for the opportunity to present a glimpse of our life to you. Your decision to consider us holds an immense portion of love and courage, and we have so much respect for you.

We know that while this is a hopeful and exciting time for us, you may be in the midst of what feels like an emotional rollercoaster. Even considering families to parent your baby may feel out of reach and unfathomable. We are here for you and want you to know we care deeply for your heart as you walk through the coming weeks and months. We are praying that as you think through what has been presented to you, you experience peace that surpasses all understanding. That you would feel confident in your decision and feel genuine support. We are here to offer that to you-in whatever capacity. We will be sure to share your bravery with your child, always remembering that you loved them first.

*With love,  
Nate + Morgan*







