

Ben + Hailey





Hello!

Thank you for considering the selfless act of adoption. As you look through our book, our goal is to help you gain insight into who we are and what we value. As your child's first mother, we value you and your God-given role, and we would support an open adoption plan with ongoing communication if that is what you choose. We currently enjoy an open adoption with our daughter's birth mother and father, and we are grateful to see how God has blessed all of us through it.

We recognize how difficult it can be to determine the right family for your child. We will ask God to give you wisdom, and we encourage you to ask God directly for his guidance in this decision.

Sincerely,
Hailey and Ben



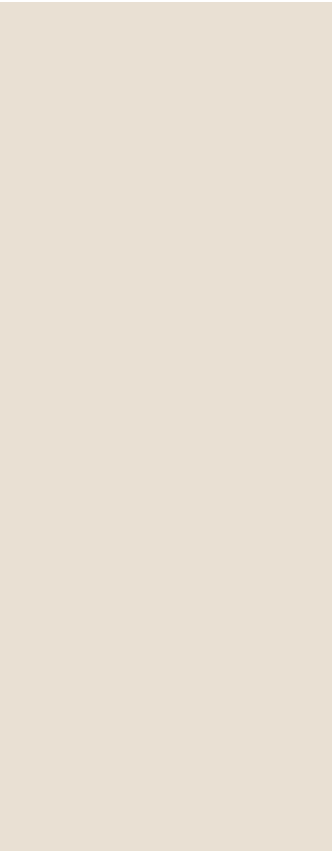
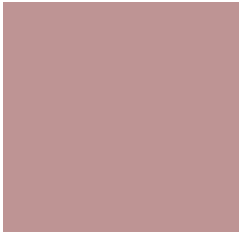


This is us

Ben's family moved to Texas when he was sixteen and we met at the church our families attended. We met during high school and dated for four years. Ben proposed to me on a hot air balloon. It was a very special day we had waited a long time for. We shared our first kiss after the proposal. We had a large wedding with nearly 300 people in attendance. We were married in the same church my sister was married in, and eleven of Ben's siblings were in the wedding ceremony. Both sets of grandparents in each of our families were able to attend and it was a very special day for us.

Our relationship has grown and developed over the years as God has brought us both into a deeper relationship with him. About five years into our marriage, we were met with some struggles. We recognized we could not fix these problems ourselves and so we turned to trust God and ask for his help. Through this experience, the Lord brought us closer to himself and to one another as we pursued his design of marriage together. We are so grateful for God's mercy and grace in our lives and continue to look forward to the journey ahead.

In our free time, Ben and I enjoy meeting with other Christians to study the Bible and socialize. We also enjoy playing pickleball, keeping up with current events, and attending sporting events, concerts, plays, or stand-up comedy shows.





Hailey

Hailey is thoughtful, competitive, and works very hard at whatever she sets out to do. Early in our marriage, Hailey was very focused on her job and career. Now, her priority has shifted to investing in our family and making sure we have a great environment for Isabelle to grow up in. Even with the change in focus, she still finds ways to earn income and help us be good stewards of our resources. I am grateful for her and thankful to God for placing her in my life.

One activity Hailey enjoys and is very good at is completing puzzles. When it comes to babies and children, she applies this talent towards figuring out what the child needs and how to establish good routines. I've been amazed at how well she does this. Hailey is incredible with Isabelle and thoroughly enjoys facilitating her development. One example of this is how Hailey lets Isabelle engage and "help" with the various tasks around the house. It's clear Izzy just wants to imitate and be like Hailey. While I often try to prevent Isabelle from making a mess, so I don't have to clean it up, Hailey gives Izzy the chance to learn, even if she gets messy in the process. I'm grateful for the way Hailey cultivates an environment where Isabelle can learn and explore.

In her free time, Hailey enjoys playing with Isabelle, walking the dog, and remaining active and on the go. Tennis and pickleball are at the top of her list when it comes to competitive sports and getting exercise. Hailey also enjoys traveling to new places, playing games with family and friends, and breaking out of escape rooms.



Ben



Ben is the most kind and loving husband and father. He is great at connecting with people, no matter who they are or where they come from. He is patient and kind, even through tough situations. While navigating difficult seasons in our lives, he is always compassionate and wants what was best for everyone. Watching him as a dad has grown my love for him even more. The connection he has with Isabelle is so special — we both cherish him.

Children absolutely adore Ben. Like a magnet, they are instantly drawn to him. He is really great at getting on their level and doing things they like to do. Every morning, Isabelle talks about wanting to see daddy. They share such a sweet and special connection. Ben also has a 9 year old boy named Javion whom he has mentored for over 3 years now. They have also cultivated a wonderful relationship.

In his free time, Ben enjoys playing with and teaching Isabelle and Javion. He truly cherishes watching them grow and develop. He also likes playing pickleball and going on runs. He enjoys his work most of the time, and also likes to watch Ohio State football.



Isabelle Elaine

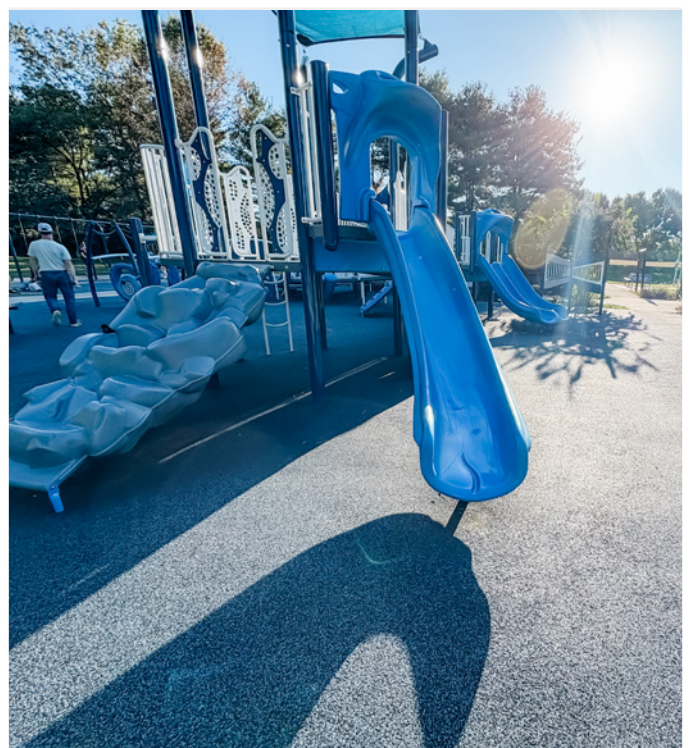


Isabelle is the happiest little girl. She is very outgoing and likes to say hi to everyone as we walk through the store. She enjoys being outside, going for walks, playing on the playground, and cooking in her play kitchen. She will be a wonderful big sister.

Home

We moved to a more kid friendly home this past summer. We have four bedrooms and two-and-a-half bathrooms. Isabelle even has a playroom upstairs, now. There is a flat, fenced-in backyard where Isabelle enjoys running around. She likes to go in and out the back door to play.

Our community boasts some of the best school districts. There is also a playground just a couple of minutes from our house, and we are members of a gym that has two pools. My parents and sister both live close by. My parents have 5 acres with a pool and chickens.



We are family

I am the youngest of three children. My parents, along with my sister and her family, live nearby. I have four nieces and nephews on my side.

Ben is the oldest of thirteen children, most of whom live in Texas and Washington. There are seventeen grandchildren (so far) on his side of the family.

We split Thanksgiving and Christmas between mine and Ben's family. This year, we will go to Texas for Thanksgiving and then will be in Tennessee for Christmas. At Christmastime, we decorate our tree right after Thanksgiving. We visit my parents on Christmas Eve to do stockings and one present each, and then we spend the night and wake up to open presents on Christmas morning. We always bake a bunch of goodies and have a yummy spread of food. The last few years, I have introduced "Family Olympics" to our Christmas Eve festivities.



Our adoption

Ben and I adopted our daughter, Isabelle, in 2023. We were matched early on (14 weeks) which allowed us a good amount of time to get to know and bond with her birth mother during her pregnancy. We experienced a neat connection early on when we mentioned we would be naming her Isabelle Elaine. It just so happens that the birth mother's mom's name was Elaine. We had no idea until she told us, so it certainly made us all feel like the match was meant to be.

Once Isabelle was born, we remained in Louisiana for roughly three weeks. It allowed more time for her birth mother to come over each day to see Isabelle and let us all get to know each other better. It has been special to have a great relationship that continues today. We text weekly with pictures, videos, and updates.







Fun facts

Hailey

Beautiful inside and out
Fast processor
Competitive
Tennis/ Pickleball
Loves word games
Soccer
Baker
Excellent home maker
Strong Proverbs 31 woman
Thoughtful and kind
Dog lover



Ben

Spiritually adopted into God's family
Kind
Loves to run
Good at engaging with people
Competitive
Loving husband
Amazing father
Enjoys his job
Mentor
Ohio State football fan





Goals for the future

Our top parenting goal is to allow God's love to shine through our lives to our children. We pray they will love Jesus because they understand how He first loved us. Professionally, we strive to do our work in a way that honors God. We trust him to provide exactly what is best for us, as he always does. We want to tailor our children's education and experiences to each of them. We desire to encourage and position them in a way that maximizes the unique gifts God has given them. We understand there are so many important things to be learned in a classroom, and so many other lessons best learned through experience, immersion, or travel. We hope to provide our children opportunities to learn in a multitude of different environments.

We promise

If you should choose us to parent your child, our goal will be to love them unconditionally, accurately present God to them, and teach them the truth from the Bible. We believe trusting Jesus with our lives is the only way to receive eternal life, and we desire that outcome for any child or individual we know. We believe Jesus is the true source of peace, and we will practice living a life that honors Him and teaches our children to do the same. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. May God bless you and your family.

All our hearts,
Hailey and Ben



Thank you!