



Tanner + Cassie



WE ARE
CASSIE AND
TANNER.



SO NICE TO MEET YOU!

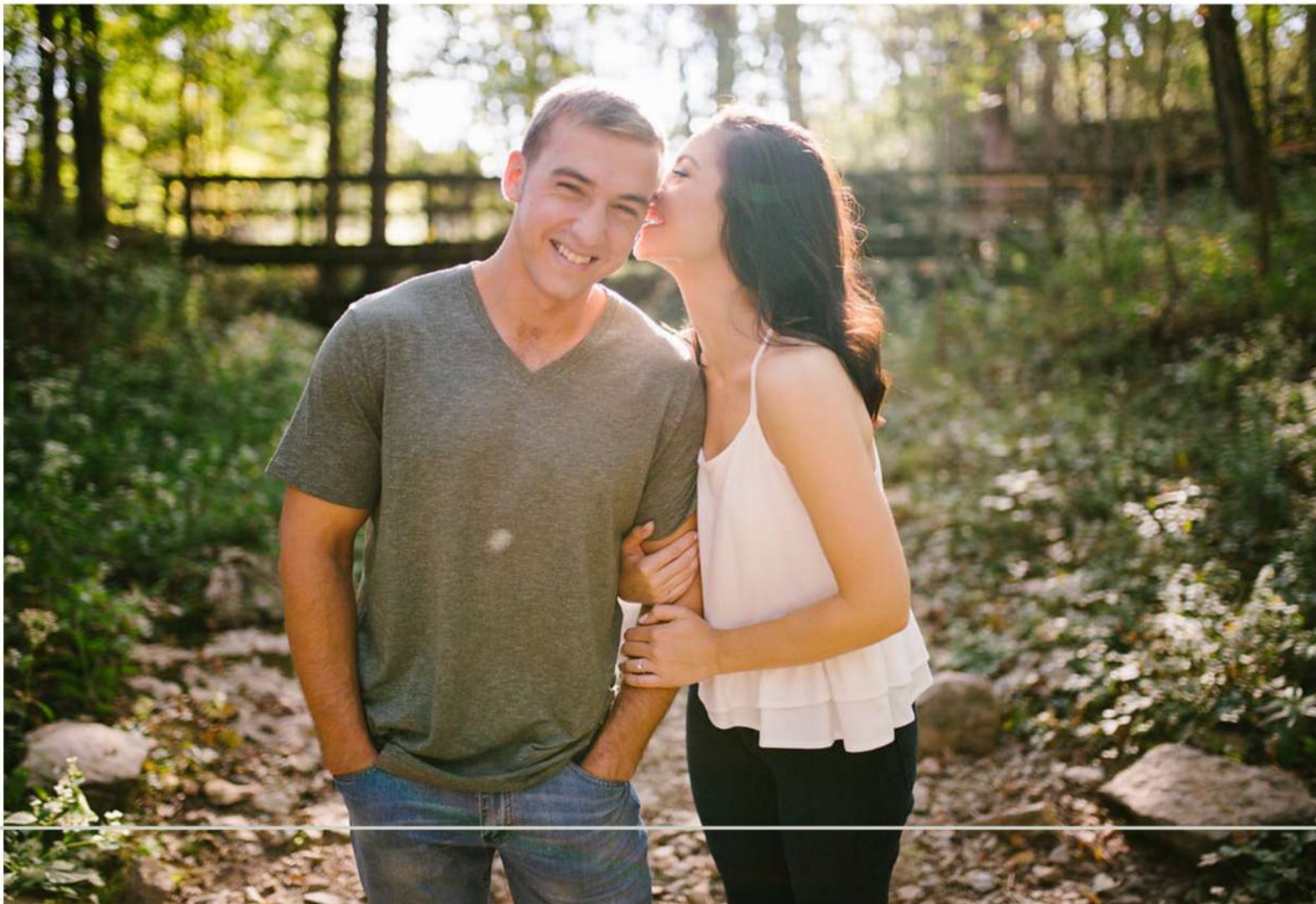
Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us. We admire your courage and strength to consider such a difficult decision. Through these pages, we hope you can see our home as a place for your child to flourish. We want you to experience peace knowing that your child is in a loving and caring home. We want to support and provide for your child in a way that ensures you that you made the right decision.

We understand that this is potentially a very overwhelming, unknown part of life right now, but we hope that you know that God has a plan for you, and is with you at this very moment. We have certainly felt that these past few years going through infertility, but what has kept us going is knowing that God is watching out for us, even when it doesn't feel like it at all. Please know that since we have started this process, we have been praying for expectant parents, including you, to have full peace with your decision, no matter what you decide.

If chosen, we plan to continue showing your baby the same love you have and providing them with the best care possible. Your child is a gift on earth, and we want to grow and nurture that gift to the best of our abilities! We can't wait to show them all of the wonderful and beautiful things in this life - a slow Saturday morning enjoying the birds chirping, the clean air and stunning views of a mountain hike, the smells of a full oven and kitchen table around the holidays, and how refreshing and beautiful a swim in the ocean is! We plan to show them through our actions in our daily lives how much God loves them, and how much there is to be grateful for. We hope that they feel that love, and feel supported throughout their life by you, by us, and by God no matter where it takes them.

*with love,
Tanner + Cassie*





WHY *Adoption*

We have always dreamt of having a family, and started trying to have kids after four years of marriage. After a couple years with no luck, we explored fertility treatments and did that for a couple years, with no luck again. It felt like our dream of having a family was slipping away and we were unsure why we felt the calling to become parents so strongly even after all of the failed attempts and struggles. **The grief of not being able to have a family was very difficult and hard on our marriage, but once we started exploring the concept and idea of adoption, we started to see that there was still hope.**

It was difficult to get over the fact that we may never have biological children, but trust now that we are being called to parent a child through adoption. Throughout our whole infertility journey, the clearest path forward and most confident we have felt was when we decided to begin the adoption process. Getting to have a family and raise kids was always something we pictured being a huge part of our lives, and we are so thankful that adoption can make that possible! We know that there are complexities that come with adoption, but we feel that we are ready to take on those challenges and be the best parents we can be to your child.

We do not have many personal encounters with adoption, so it is relatively new to us, but Cassie does have an adopted cousin, and one of Cassie's friends was internationally adopted. It was great to see her adopted cousin be welcomed into the extended family without any questions or hesitations. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins all were so excited to have another member of the family join! With Cassie's friend, it has been great getting to hear her perspective on adoption now as an adult, and what that process was like for her growing up.

We plan to talk about adoption from day one, and let our child know that they were adopted - we want it to be a normal part of their life, and something that they know how to talk about and process. We want them to know that they have been loved from the very start of their life! Blending of cultures and backgrounds was also something that Cassie grew up with, and we plan to include aspects of our child's heritage into their life, if different from our own.



Our Milestones

Fall 2011 - We first met in high school in Tennessee through mutual friends. We started hanging out as friends, and soon after that Tanner asked Cassie to go to the Winter dance together, when Cassie was a junior and Tanner was a senior.

May 2012 - Tanner graduated high school and we dated long distance when Tanner left for college. We continued to date long distance throughout college, spending lots of weekends driving back and forth to visit one another.

July 2017 - We got engaged when Tanner was visiting Cassie during an internship in Texas the summer after Tanner graduated from his Masters program in Education, and the summer before Cassie's senior year of college.

June 30, 2018 - We got married right after Cassie graduated college. It was the best day!

Summer 2018 - We moved to Florida where Cassie had gotten a job offer. Tanner also got a job and started his second year of full time teaching.

June 2020 - Cassie's job moved us to Louisiana where we still live. Although we miss the beach, we have really found a home here and love the area we are in.



THIS IS US

We were friends before starting a relationship, and that has continued to this day - we really are best friends. We love spending time together, whether that's just hanging out and talking at our house, playing sports together, or traveling. We love to be goofy and silly with each other too! The amount of funny phrases we have come up with over the years is too many to count. We love to just laugh together and have fun - light-hearted comedy shows and movies are our favorites to watch together. We also just love spending a slow Saturday morning together; eating breakfast, sitting on the couch, and relaxing on the back patio while talking! We always make it a point to talk to each other every day and have real conversations, eat dinner together, and go to bed together.





WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR EIGHT YEARS.

When we face a difference of opinion, or when we've accidentally hurt one another's feelings, we always make it a point to reconcile with each other, and come up with strategies on how to get better at overcoming our differences and adjusting our styles. This has ultimately led to strengthening our communication skills with each other and overall improving our relationship. It is a constant reminder that we have to be conscious of how we speak to one another, and that our love for each other is much greater than how difficult it may seem to admit when we are wrong!



We are the same in many ways, and different in equally many ways. We both are very hard workers. We set goals together and make it a point to actively contribute to our marriage. We believe that both husband and wife are equally responsible in balancing tasks, work, and our relationship. We always aim to thank each other for the small and big things to show each other that we appreciate one another. Tanner's love language is acts of service, which he shows by cleaning the whole house when Cassie has worked a long day. Cassie's love language is physical touch, which is shown through constant hugs, backrubs, and cuddles.



PERSONABLE, DISCIPLINED, AUTHENTIC



TANNER

IN CASSIE'S WORDS

What first attracted me to Tanner was how genuinely kind and good-natured he was. It didn't matter if he was good friends with someone or just a classmate in the hallway, he was equally friendly and encouraging to everyone. He is also very athletic and loves to bond and hang out through any sport or activity, which was and is always so fun. Another quality I love and admire about Tanner is his constant drive to grow closer to God and always be the best person he can be. He is big on routines, and incorporates elements that help him increase his faith and contribute to our community. For example, in the summers while he is out of school, he volunteers regularly at our local food bank. He has a big heart for giving back, and is always pushing me to think more generously and share what we have with others.

Tanner shows his love for me and others through acts of service. He will run errands for me, take care of miscellaneous tasks, and regularly clean the whole house before I get home from work! I am so thankful I have such a loving husband, and one who also understands the importance of well-rounded, equal contributions to a marriage. **Tanner has had a lot of practice with kids due to his job, and he is great with them. He is always very encouraging and helps them to establish healthy practices that they can use for the rest of their lives. I can't wait to see him become a father and instill his qualities and good habits into a child.**

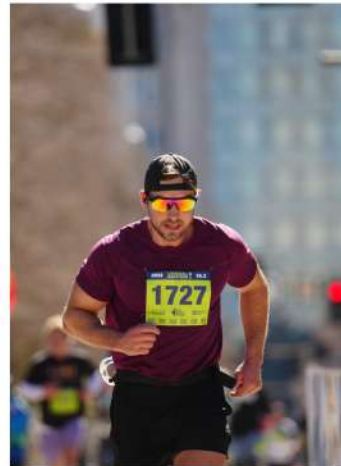


Hi! I'M TANNER

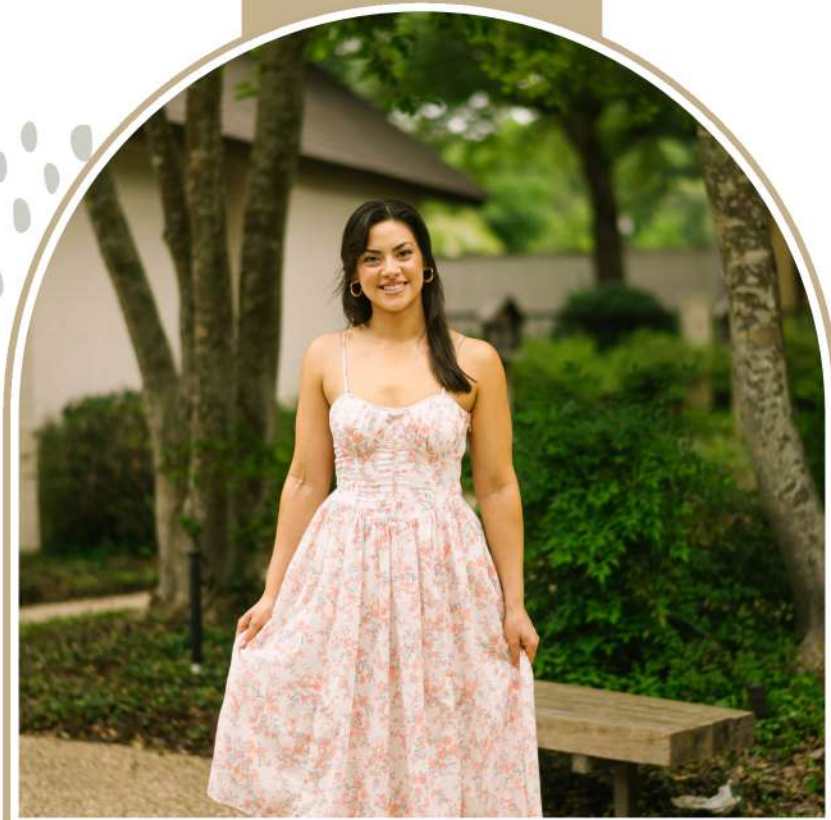
I have been an elementary physical education teacher for nine years. I love my job because I get to share my passion for health and fitness with the students. I enjoy creating fun and engaging activities for my class. I still remember all the fun I had in my P.E. class as a kid and want my students to have those same great memories. I love seeing the excitement on the students' faces when they learn a new skill or accomplish a personal fitness goal! My job is extremely family friendly. I get a lot of time off throughout the year and have additional time saved up if needed for the adoption process. I really love my work schedule because I am always home at the same time and never miss a holiday! My job allows for ample time for travel and fun experiences for our family.

I am looking forward to all the little and big moments that come with raising a child; from laughing in the living room to graduation. I pray that our child clings to their faith when they are on their own. I pray for a healthy and safe environment in which our child can thrive and be successful. I want to give my child the same love and care that my parents gave me. I have so many great memories from my childhood and I look forward to creating those new memories for our child!

As a father, I will not lean on my own understanding, but try to listen to what God wants me to do in each moment. I know that I will be less than perfect many times, but I will keep doing my best to show selfless love to my family everyday. I will show respect by listening to their needs and providing a safe environment when they can be honest and authentic. I will show care by spending time together and helping them through tough times. I will demonstrate how to be a loving and caring person to our child in the way I treat my wife and the people around me. I will honor our family by working hard to create opportunities for us to be successful and by being a light for Jesus.



GENUINE, DRIVEN, CARING



CASSIE

IN TANNER'S WORDS

I admire my wife in many ways! Cassie has an incredible work ethic and has a good work/life balance. She rarely complains about her job even though it is difficult and demanding. She is a caring person who often puts her friends' and family's needs before her own. She is a great public speaker and a talented artist. She has the ability to stay open-minded and use her critical thinking skills to make good decisions. She is unique in that she possesses the ability to have fun, laugh, and enjoy herself one moment and also be responsible and professional the next. Cassie's fun, loving personality brings me a lot of joy. The most important trait that my wife has is her faith in God. She lives with purpose by pursuing a relationship with Jesus everyday. She does this with daily prayer, podcasts, Bible study groups, and attending church every week.

Cassie will be a patient, loving parent who gives a child the best opportunity to feel loved and grow up with purpose. She will nurture and love our child with her whole being and I know she will be an amazing mother.



Hey There! I'M CASSIE

I am a chemical engineer, and have been working in the petrochemical industry for about 9 years. I love that my job keeps me on my toes and I'm constantly having to think about things in a different way. I love that I get to help others do those things as well! My job is somewhat flexible in the fact that I can work remotely if needed. I plan to continue working but will take parental leave and some extended time off when the baby arrives. I am grateful that the company I work for provides parental leave for adoptive parents! We plan to use a daycare, but will stay home for the first 3-4 months, and will get some help from my parents who live close by. Our plan is to hopefully find a bilingual daycare (English/Spanish) to help reinforce learning both languages!

I am so excited to be a mother. I have had time to understand my own childhood, and can't wait to instill all of what I have learned and hold near and dear to my heart into a child. I hope and pray that we would be able to raise a child that loves God, values family and community, and cares for our planet and everything in it. I know how important a loving home is for a child and how much it can impact them their whole life, so I really am excited to provide that for a child. Growing up I was always around family and I am excited to be able to do that now with my parents who are close by, the community of friends that we have built, and planning trips to go see family that live far away. Blending of culture was always part of my childhood, and I hope to continue for our future child. My dad's side is Caucasian, and my mom's side is Hispanic, and I loved getting to experience and weave together both cultures.

I will love and care for a child by making sure they have the space to be their own self! I want them to know that they can do anything they set their mind to, and that God loves them so very much. I want to instill in them core values and habits that will help them have a loving, fruitful, peaceful, fun, and long life. I think another way to show love, respect, and care for a child is showing yourself and others the same level of love, respect, and care, so I hope to continuously improve, grow, and give back to others, starting with my husband and future child.





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About Us

HOBBIES + INTERESTS

PLAYING GUITAR | WEIGHT TRAINING | PLAYING
SPORTS WITH FRIENDS | CARD COLLECTING
PODCASTS + MUSIC | THEOLOGY | GARDENING

FUN FACTS

1. I am a vegetarian and my favorite food is butter paneer.
2. I have completed a marathon race!
3. I know how to surf and rode waves in Hawaii!
4. I was born in Arizona and lived in Iceland as a baby.
5. I have visited twelve National Parks.

HOBBIES + INTERESTS

DOING MAKEUP | STAYING ACTIVE | READING
COOKING | ART | LEARNING SPANISH

FUN FACTS

1. I grew up hearing Spanish spoken by my mom and her family, but was never taught at home. We hope to raise our child speaking both Spanish and English, something I wished I had experienced!
2. I've hiked a few small pyramids in Chichen Itza.
3. I've done bridal makeup for a handful of family and friends weddings.
4. Mexican food is my favorite to cook and eat!



TIME TOGETHER

WE LOVE BEING ACTIVE AND BEING OUTSIDE

Our typical weekend starts with a relaxing morning sitting on the patio with the flowers, squirrels, and birds. Cassie loves to cook and makes delicious meals for our weekend activities. After breakfast, we go workout, play sports, or hang out with friends. We have a great community of friends and family close by. The weekend usually continues with normal household tasks and chores and ends with a good meal and time to wind down with a book and some guitar.

Our vacations are usually based around hiking in national parks or spending time with family and friends. We love exploring nature and being in awe of God's creation. Some of our favorites places we have traveled are Glacier National Park, Grand Canyon, and Hawaii!

OUR
Values



We highly value staying active. Strength training and sports are some of our favorite hobbies to do together. Our weekends always include a couple trips to the gym, and some sort of sports activity - volleyball, tennis, pickleball, spikeball, or any sport that we can play together! We have played on a volleyball team together for the past five years, which has been a lot of fun (volleyball was Cassie's sport in high-school, but somehow Tanner is better!). We also have really enjoyed playing tennis as a hobby. We both have picked up a couple extra hobbies in this space recently; Tanner completed his first marathon and Cassie loves to do the occasional 5k.



We love traveling to visit National Parks across the US, especially those that have great hiking trails. One of our favorites was our trip to Northern Arizona, which included the Grand Canyon - one of the most beautiful views ever! We loved hiking down into the canyon, and getting views the whole way. Another favorite trip was to Glacier National Park. We couldn't believe our eyes when we saw the bright blue glacier lakes and incredible mountain views. We even got to see a family of grizzly bears on a hike. Needless to say we hiked a little faster on our way out to make sure we stayed far enough away from them. Traveling together to view God's incredible creations has given us some amazing memories and this is something we look forward to sharing with children!



Our Faith

The most important value we share is our faith. Faith has always been a very strong presence in our lives, and we work to keep it at the center of our marriage. We grew up in different denominations of Christianity (Tanner grew up Baptist, Cassie grew up Catholic). We always respected each other's beliefs, but did enjoy having the occasional debate! Throughout dating, we went to church with each other, and did Bible study series together. Going to church on Sundays has always been one of our favorite routines, and we always make it a point to continue that even on vacations - we love getting to see different churches everywhere we go! Tanner has joined the Catholic Church in 2025, and we have grown even closer to each other and in our faith through all of our discussions, and learning the teachings of the Catholic church. We have a strong friend group who we love to discuss our faith and teachings of the church with.



Welcome to OUR HOME

Our home is a ranch style house that is about seventy years old, but has been renovated a few times. We love that our home has character! It has four bedrooms and two and a half bathrooms. Our porch takes up a lot of the backyard, but it also includes a small area of trees. We have a taller fence that gives good privacy, so our backyard feels very secluded. Our neighborhood is very quiet, but we love getting to chat with our neighbors when we see them.

One of our favorite parts of the house is our back porch. Tanner loves sitting in the mornings with his coffee doing his morning reading, and on the weekends we love eating lunch and dinners outside. We love listening to all of the birds and squirrels that are around; we even have a couple owls that live nearby! Tanner has nicknamed his garden beds "the garden of peace", and we love that we can step outside and connect with nature and get some peace. Cassie loves having pictures of family up on the wall, and getting to make all of the spaces feel special and unique. We are so thankful for our house, and all of the safety and memories that it has provided. **We love that our house feels homey and lived in, and that we can host friends and family for Bible studies, game nights, and holiday gatherings. It's not perfect, but it has been such a blessing to be able to have a space that feels like us, and where we can connect with each other and loved ones!**



WE LIVE IN LOUISIANA

We have really enjoyed learning about and immersing ourselves in the culture here. We love that our home and neighborhood is quiet, but we are conveniently located to all of our favorite places around town and we each have relatively short commutes to work. The city is very diverse, and has a good mixture of racial backgrounds, which we love being a part of. Community is a huge part of the culture, and we love that there is always a holiday or get together happening! Depending on the season there are lots of city events to attend. There are several parks nearby with tennis courts, basketball courts, and playgrounds. We have a library close by that has a garden, as well as a public pool and water park for kids. There are also lots of activities through our church for families and kids. Since Tanner works for the public school district, he knows the best schools for children to attend, and there is a really strong private school district in our city.



We love OUR FAMILY



Tanner's Family

I have one sister named Macy. She lives in Tennessee about eight hours from us. Macy has always been a supportive sister. She loves traveling and has had a very successful career as a pharmacist. My mom's name is Brenda and my dad's name is DJ. They live in Florida about four hours from us. My mom is a kindergarten teacher and my dad works to support veterans. My mom is generous, caring, soft-spoken, and selfless. My dad is value-driven, loving, and encouraging. They will be excellent grandparents!

Cassie's Family

I have one sister, Angelica, and one brother, Simon. Both my siblings are military; my brother is Navy, and my sister's husband is Army, so they both don't live near us, but we travel to visit at least once a year. My brother has three kids; Isabella (8), Ava (6), and Lincoln (3). My brother's kids don't live near him, so my parents have the kids stay for a couple weeks over the summers and over school breaks, so we get to visit with them a couple times a year. My parent's grandparent names are Yaya and Yoyo.

We have strong relationships with our extended family. We have taken fun vacations with our families to hiking or beach destinations and hope to continue that tradition! They are extremely supportive of our plan to adopt. We see Cassie's parents about twice a month and Tanner's parents once every two months. They have supported our adoption process through lots of prayer and have helped with some of the home study tasks. They will help support our child by loving them and giving them another shoulder to lean on. They are all excited to have another family member!





OUR Holidays

We are very family-oriented and spend most of our holidays with them. We do our best to split our time with both sides of our family. Easter stands out as a special time for us as we typically attend the Holy Week masses at our Church with family. It is a time of reflection, thankfulness, and celebration of what Jesus Christ has done for us! We have always had fun celebrating birthdays and making sure the person feels extra special on their birthday. We typically cook their favorite meal and buy a delicious dessert and sing happy birthday out of tune.

Christmas is such a great time for creating family memories and we certainly look forward to creating those moments with our child. We love the excitement and family time that comes with Christmas. We celebrate by sharing a meal, gifts, and attending Christmas Eve Mass. In fact, last year we spent Christmas in Hawaii with our family! Our family loves watching sports, especially football! We are excited to share that fun experience by cheering on our teams with our child.







FUTURE PLANS

Our plan is to stay in our current home. We love our home, neighbors, and community and do not have any desire to move. We enjoy living in Louisiana and hope to raise kids and have a family of our own here. We also love that we have Cassie's parents close by to help with and see our child often. We enjoy traveling and will continue to explore new places and experience new things with our child as well. We can't wait to show them all of our favorite places and how beautiful nature is! We aren't really sure where the future will take us, but we could potentially see ourselves moving to a part of the country that has more opportunities for hiking and cooler weather later on in life. However, we are content with our current living situation and really just want to have a child to share that with. **We would love to continue to expand our family through adoption in the future; we both grew up with siblings and think that would be great to give our children that experience.**

EDUCATION

We plan to send our child to either public or private school. Cassie grew up going to a private Catholic elementary school and then into public, and we like the idea of doing the same for our child. We really love our church, which has an elementary school system that would be a great option. Depending on Tanner's input on the school and teachers at that time, we may have our child attend the school where Tanner works. We believe that the education systems can provide a lot of benefits and socialization that would be difficult to do with homeschooling, so we plan to send our child to one of those options. **We believe in understanding what it takes to be an adult and a productive member of society, so as long as our child understands that, then we will be supportive in whatever endeavor they end up choosing, even if not college.** There are lots of examples of hard working people who greatly contribute to society in big and small ways that didn't take the college path, so we will be supportive either way!

OUR *Commitments* TO YOU

- ♥ We promise to raise your child following Christian values the best we can.
- ♥ We promise to provide an environment for your child to feel safe and protected.
- ♥ We promise to give your child an active and healthy lifestyle.
- ♥ We promise to create a fun environment for your child to learn and grow.
- ♥ We promise to introduce your child to a variety of experiences through travel.
- ♥ We promise to honor, respect, and incorporate your culture when raising your child.
- ♥ We promise to cook them delicious meals that will be shared with family!





THANK YOU

We are so thankful that you are considering our family to raise your child. We understand that this is a difficult and stressful decision and does not come easily. We want to assure you that we have been earnestly praying for God to guide you as you consider your options. **Even though we have never met, you have been in our hearts and prayers for a long time. We want nothing but peace for you and admire the selfless love you have for your child.**

We are open to all levels of openness for adoption, and understand that there is no one size fits all plan, and that each adoption looks different. We would love to hear your thoughts on the future and what you picture a relationship looking like. We plan to let your child know from day 1 that they were adopted. We want them to understand their background and how much they are loved by you. We plan to have lots of children's books on adoption to read to and with them as they grow! We would also love to incorporate any cultural aspects from their background into their lives and our traditions.

We truly hope this profile opens a window into a life that you could see your child being a part of. If chosen, we would be so thankful for the opportunity to raise your precious child in a home filled with love and care. **We want you to be comforted by the fact that we will give the best of ourselves to raise your child. Not only us, but our family, friends, and community will also be there to help give your child the best opportunity to thrive and grow.** We will continue to pray for you during this challenging season and thank you for considering us for such an important role in your child's life.

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