DREW + KELSEY





HELLO!

FROM OUR HEARTS

Thank you so much for taking the time to look through these pages and get to know us. We can't imagine what you are going through right now. We know that you are considering an incredibly difficult decision and we have deep admiration for you and the love you have for your child. We have been praying for both of you for some time now. We pray that you find the right path for yourself and your child. We pray you know that you are brave, you are stronger than you realize, and you are loved. And you are not alone. We love you and support your decision—whatever that decision may be.

If we are chosen as adoptive parents to your child, our lives will be dedicated to giving them the best life possible. We are not here to replace you; we are here to provide a safe harbor for you and your child. We want to help your child achieve the dreams you have for them and that we have for them. We want to bring them up in a house where love is abundant with an understanding of who they are and where they come from. We want to work with you to be fundamental pieces of your child's life story.

We have so much admiration for your decision to consider adoption, and we promise to continue to carry that same love for your child as they grow. They will be raised in a home where they have constant support and encouragement to grow into the best person they can be.

Kelsey + Drew



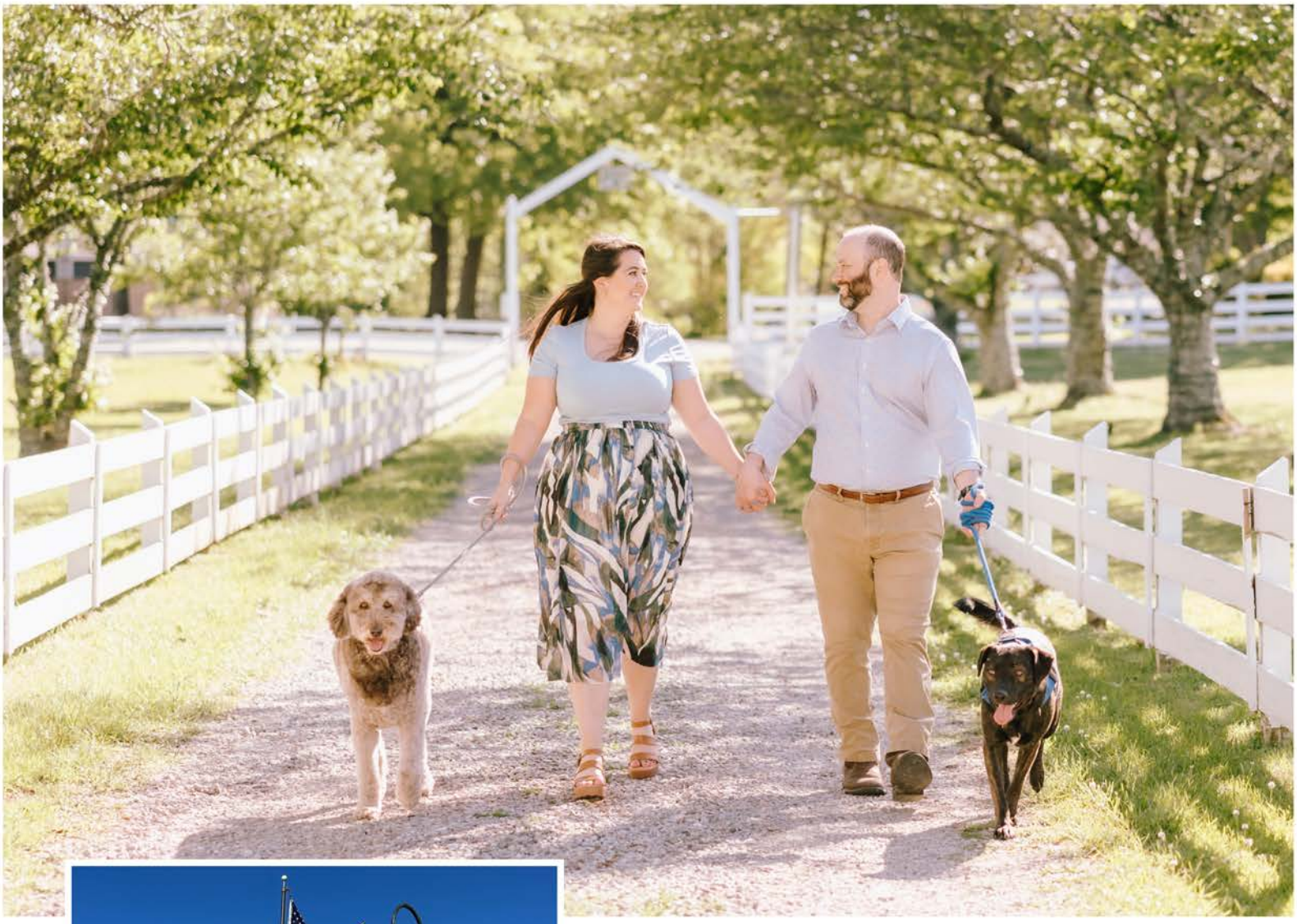


OUR HEARTS FOR ADOPTION



From the beginning of our relationship, adoption has been a major point of discussion. We always knew we wanted to adopt, but weren't sure what that path would look like for us. A couple of years into our marriage, we began trying to start a family—to no avail. After three years of trying with no results, we sought medical counsel. Various procedures and treatments led to a diagnosis of unexplained infertility. After a time of prayer and reflection, it became more and more apparent that we were being called to adopt, and we have chosen to follow that call.

We have seen how adoption has been a blessing in the lives of our friends. We have friends who have adopted children, but we also have friends who were adopted. How they speak of the beauty of adoption and the appreciation they have for not only their adoptive parents, but their birthmother's decision has been eye-opening and reaffirming for us. We plan to raise your child knowing how brave you are and how you fought to make sure they had the best opportunity possible. You will be a key piece of their story, not just a footnote.





The Kids in Our Life

We spend time with our niece and nephews as often as we can, and we love them dearly. We want to make sure they know that we are here for them. We also treat our friends and their children like family—and are godparents for our niece and nephew on Kelsey's side, and for the child of one of our closest couple friends. We look forward to growing our family and bringing a child into an environment where there are other kids looking forward to their arrival.



THIS IS US

First Met
October 2018

First Date
November 2018

Got Engaged
December 2019

Got Married
August 2020

Bought Our First House
October 2021

Moved To A New City
November 2023

We lived and worked in the same city—in the same building, even—but never crossed paths. We both moved to the same new city for jobs a year apart, and met in a Sunday School class. We started dating, and have not been apart since. What makes our marriage work is that no matter the circumstance, we are each other's biggest advocate. Life is full of ups and downs—and we've certainly experienced both in our time together—but we trust that God is in control, despite what circumstances may indicate. And we choose each other.

OUR MARRIAGE

We keep each other grounded and we make each other laugh, and we do our best to show to love to each other by serving one another: picking each other up after a bad day, taking on tasks or chores when each other is tied up with work, making routine tasks like going to the grocery store or getting dinner opportunities to enjoy each other's company.

We both communicate in very different ways, both in terms of how our minds process things and relay them and how we each show and receive love. As we've grown together, we have made it a priority to work to learn the other's language and try to speak that when we can. When we disagree, we work hard to make sure that we understand where each other is coming from instead of letting pride get in the way.

Our marriage is centered on our faith in Jesus Christ, and everything we do comes from a place of showing the other mercy and grace extended to us by God through Jesus. There is no doubt faith brought us together, has kept us together, and will keep us together.







DREW



LOYAL, RESILIENT, STEADY

Drew is one of the most loyal, genuine, and reliable people I know. I was first drawn to his humor and joy in life. He loves to laugh and enjoys time with his closest friends and family. At family gatherings, Drew often helps out by serving food or cleaning up, an example of his helpful, servant mindset. Drew pays attention to others and is intentional about ensuring that they are taken care of. He loves to reminisce with his siblings about funny stories from their childhood. These stories always bring out his joyful laugh and highlight their tight knit family bond. He is the "fun uncle" who is always on the floor or in the yard playing with the kids. He enjoys teaching our niece and nephews new things. Drew grew up fishing with his dad and uncles. I love watching him share his passion for fishing with our nephews. When the curious kiddos inevitably have questions or request something from him that he doesn't know how to do, he puts his efforts into researching and learning. This is a quality that is beneficial in other aspects of life as well. He is always ready and willing to serve and he frequently puts others' needs above his own. He leads our household with love, kindness, understanding, and is always leading us towards Christ.

I have no doubt that Drew will be a present and very intentional father. He will remember all of the small but important details from appointments to favorite flavors of ice cream or the way they like to do their hair. He is a natural teacher and will encourage learning new activities or hobbies. He will lead with love and compassion.



MEET DREW

I work as a contracted project manager for a healthcare company. I keep internal projects on track, on budget, and on time. I enjoy getting to work with different areas within the company and toward the greater mission of providing the best care for those we serve. It is a very family-friendly and flexible company, as is my company that I contract through. I will have time off for the adoption and look forward to that time to bond with the baby.

Some Favorites

My background is in journalism, so I love to write and podcast. I enjoy sports of all kinds, traveling with my wife, photographing said travels, being outdoors and fishing, and writing and playing music. My favorite book is a tie between The Great Gatsby and The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe.

PARENTING + MARRIAGE

I look forward to being able to raise a child; to pour into them the way my parents and family poured into me. To be able to guide someone and give them a foundation for life. My family taught me life skills, but they also taught me how to treat people and how to be mindful of where I come from and focus on where I am going. Above all, to keep God at the center of it all. Kelsey and I plan to raise our children similarly. I am looking forward to being a steady presence in the daily life of my kids: laughing with them, encouraging them, being a source of comfort, and being someone they can count on.

At our wedding, an older gentleman came up to me and gave me a piece of advice: "Remember: we over me, and you can't lose." I try to approach every day from that perspective. I try to love my wife the way God loves us: unconditionally. I come up short some days, but that mindset is always my focus. I want to make sure my wife knows how much I love her, that she is safe, and that she is protected.



KELSEY



INTENTIONAL, UPLIFTING, SERVANT HEARTED

My wife is the greatest thing to have ever happened to me. She is one of the strongest people I have ever met, and her intelligence never ceases to amaze me. She has a tremendous resolve; she is confident, and she has a heart for those who cannot advocate for themselves. She doesn't let problems get to her for long and she is not rattled easily; she is an incredible partner to work with through trying times. I always heard about how a good spouse can expand a person's horizons, but I doubted it. I always wondered how the addition of someone to your life could make that much of an impact—and then I married my wife. Kelsey gives me a reason to be a better person, to grow in my faith, to work hard, to have a plan for the future, to live for somebody and something other than myself. I honestly don't know where I would be without her. Knowing her has brought me closer to God and caused me to pursue Him and seek the purpose He has for my life.

I cannot wait to see Kelsey thrive as a mother. She is going to be a nurturing, kind-hearted guide for our children. She will teach them how to be independent, how to thrive, and how to take up for those that cannot take up for themselves–all traits she embodies so well. She has a heart for children, and so much love to give, and I think she will love the quiet moments of motherhood that hold so much weight–rocking our kids to sleep, or reading to them, or holding their hand on a walk. Her impact in my life cannot be measured, and I am so excited to see the love, guidance, and environment for a child to grow and thrive that we create together.



MEET KELSEY

I am a pediatric occupational therapist. I work with children of all ages and abilities and them and their families during challenging times. I love seeing a child master a skill that they have been struggling with. Their increased sense of confidence, pride, and joy make my day! My job is very family friendly and allows for a full maternity leave with adoption. The plan is for me to work part time as we grow our family. Drew's job has a daycare for employees' children so our child has the option to go there on the few days that I work. My parents are also retired and live fifteen minutes from us so they are available and wanting to help with childcare in any way they can.

Some Favorites

I love being outdoors hiking and walking with my dogs. We love to spend weekends at the lake. I love being able to curl up with a blanket and book while taking in the view. I enjoy trying out new hobbies like painting, crochet, and photography. I love hosting dinners and game nights with friends and family.

PARENTING + MARRIAGE

Becoming a parent has always been a dream. I have worked with children in some capacity since I was 13. I am most looking forward to helping a child grow into a kind and compassionate person who loves the Lord and others. I look forward to the challenges that will come with raising children because that gives an opportunity to grow closer with Drew and truly lean on the goodness and grace of Christ. I am looking forward to family vacations, weekends spent playing sports or at band concerts or doing crafts, nights working on homework, Christmas mornings, and celebrating birthdays and other special events. Some of my favorite memories are from weekends at the lake with my family enjoying time away from the hustle of the week. From learning new skills like swimming and water skiing, to playing games as a family, it helped form a strong bond that we still have today.

I strive daily to put Drew above myself. I am his biggest encourager and push him to follow his dreams and the direction that he has for our family. I respect and trust his opinions and decisions, even when they may differ from my own.



OUR VALUES

We value creating memories. We greatly enjoy traveling and experiencing new places, but we also love small moments that happen as part of building a home together, like cooking or working in the yard together, or getting coffee before church on Sundays. We love being outdoors as often as we can, whether hiking, or going to the lake, or going to sporting events. Holidays, particularly Christmas, are big for us.

Faith in Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of our family; everything else we do is built off of Him. We will raise our children in the Christian faith, but one of love, mercy, forgiveness, and grace; not one of fear, shame, and guilt because Jesus did not come to condemn. We want our kids to know who God is and who Jesus is and know that the love God has for us is the same love they will receive from us. Our goal is to reflect the love of God in everything we do.









OUR DAY TO DAY

Our evenings tend to vary depending on the week or season, but we try to keep a few key pieces the same. We try to come home and spend time together decompressing and debriefing about our days. This can be while we walk the dogs, cook dinner, or just sit on the back patio. We try to be intentional about spending that time together. We also enjoy eating together. We love to be in the kitchen cooking, but we also have a local Mexican restaurant that we enjoy when we don't feel like cooking. After dinner we make sure the house is ready for the next day and then either catch up on a show or spend time reading before bed. Throughout the year we participate in Bible studies, church softball, walks or dinner with friends, podcasts, volunteer dance classes for kids, and other community events.

Our weekends are a time to relax and enjoy family and friends. We often go to the lake or travel to visit family. We love hiking and grilling out with friends. We enjoy new experiences and making memories to last a lifetime.







OUR HOME

Our house is a late 1970s two-story home with a large living area, three bedrooms, and two-and-a-half baths. We live on a large lot, with a huge backyard full of different flowers and trees. We frequently have rabbits, chipmunks, cardinals, hawks, owls, and even a deer or two! We have a very funky layout, but Kelsey has done an incredible job utilizing furniture and lighting to make this a warm, welcoming home. It frequently smells of home cooked meals and fresh cut flowers. We want our house to be a warm, safe place for those we love where great memories are created.

We share our home with two dogs and a cat. Piper is a nine year old Labradoodle who is very docile, gentle, and cuddly. She is the sweetest dog and great with children. Bonnie is our cat and was a rescue from the side of the road. She is seven and a beautiful solid black cat. She likes her alone time, but also loves to come out and hang with the family on her time. Our puppy, Peter, is one and a lab mix of some kind. He is a rescue as well, and while high-energy, is not rough at all. He does well with children.



We live in a suburb of a major city in the American South. We love the fact there are so many different things to do within a short driving distance. There are numerous parks and outdoor trails to hike, several different music, art, and sporting venues to visit, and a great many markets and local creators to purchase from.





Our neighborhood truly is the kind of place that books and movies are written about. It is a diverse community made up of all walks of life and people that truly love and help their neighbor. The school system is one of the top-rated systems in the area, and the elementary school is supported by the entire community. The neighborhood pool is a cornerstone of the area, sitting inside a park and playground area that hosts the annual Art Show that brings visitors from all over to town. We live here because Kelsey is from here originally, and Drew lived here for several years in and after college. It is home for us, and we have an incredible church only a few minutes from our front door.

MEET OUR FAMILY









Drew's Family - My parents are Luke and Celeste, or Pops and Les to their grandchildren. I have two siblings, Brittany and Will. Will and his wife, Sara, have two sons; Roper (5) and Dawson (3). I am also close to my maternal Aunt Deborah and her husband, Jason.

Kelsey's Family - My parents are Allen and Lisa, or Papa Bo and Lolli to their grandchildren. My brother, Jeremy, and his wife, Molly, have two children, Elliott (7) and Francie (4). I am also very close to my Aunt Dee and Uncle Stuart.





We get along very well with both sides of our extended family. We see them as often as we can. Right now, Kelsey's parents live in a different state due to her dad's job, but will be moving back to our town within the next couple of years. Her brother and her family recently relocated to another state for work, but we make a point to try and see them quarterly, if possible. Drew's family lives in another town within the same state, about an hour and a half away. Drew's mother was impacted by a major medical episode in 2024 that affected her mobility, so travel is a little more complicated for them. We try to see them every six weeks to two months, but more often have to travel to them. When we do go to them, his brother and his family and Drew's sister come over to make it a larger get together.

Drew's family does a yearly beach trip each summer, and Kelsey's family does a trip to different locations every two or three years. Both are important to us, and we look forward to them. We rotate which family we spend Christmas and Thanksgiving with each year. We are very fortunate to both have aunts and uncles that love us and have poured into us over the years, and are along for the adoption journey. Our families are incredibly supportive of our decision to adopt. They have offered help, provided donations, and prayed for and over us. We feel incredibly fortunate to have this kind of support as we travel down this road.





HOLIDAY TRADITIONS









Both of us come from homes where birthdays and holidays were truly celebrations. We still travel to see our families for Thanksgiving and Christmas, but as we grow our family we want our home to be the gathering place. We have started our own traditions, some based on our childhoods, but with our own spin. Every year, shortly after Thanksgiving, we go to a farm and cut down a real Christmas tree, and we are carrying on a family tradition of an Advent calendar made of sugar cookies. We also go to a historic theatre in town and watch Christmas movies.

Aside from major holidays, we look forward to creating our own traditions as a family to capture the magic of ordinary days. Things like ice cream cones after sporting events, creating a "drive-in" movie theater in the backyard, and at-home tailgating during football season. We look forward to creating opportunities for our children to have lifelong memories that lead them to create their own traditions one day. It is one of the things we look forward to the most about parenthood.



OUR FUTURE PLANS + DREAMS

We always acknowledge that we will go wherever the Lord leads us. That said, we love our current neighborhood and community, and would love to stay here permanently. Our hope is that we continue to grow in the Lord together, that we become more involved in our church and community, and that we provide a warm, safe home for our children and raise them in it. The thought of growing our family, creating new traditions, and building a life together has us so excited about the future. We both come from families with multiple siblings, and we plan to utilize adoption to grow our family again in the future.





EDUCATION

Education is very important, but we also know that every child learns differently. We have an outstanding public school system in our area, but also have a great Christian private school option should we be led that way. We both have advanced degrees from four year universities, but know that college may not be for everyone. We will encourage our children to pursue their passions—but with a plan. Whether those passions go through college, trade school, or entrepreneurship, we will support them down whichever path they take.

THANK YOU



Thank you for considering us to walk alongside you in this journey. We are daily praying for you and the life changing decisions that you are considering. We pray that the Lord brings you peace in whatever decision is made.

If you decide to entrust us with the care of your child, know that we will love and encourage them throughout their entire life. Your love for them and the impact in their life does not stop after birth. Your story will be shared early and often so that your child always knows how much you love them. If it is something you are comfortable with we would love to share updates via letters and phone calls in the future. We want an open and honest relationship with you.

We understand that this is such a hard and important decision. We pray that the Lord guides you through it and we will be praying for you!

Kelsey + Drew



OUR PROMISES TO YOU

1. We will love your child with every fiber of our being.
2. We will support your child and encourage them to grow into their full potential.
3. We will raise your child in a home where Jesus Christ is the cornerstone.
4. We will make sure your child knows their story and your story–and how brave you are. We will talk about you like our own family, with respect and honesty.
5. It is our intention to learn everything about our child and where they came from, so we can teach them an appreciation for who they are and where they came from.
6. We will give your child every opportunity to succeed.



YOU ARE LOVED AND PRAYED FOR!