

MATT & HANNAH

DEAR EXPECTANT MOTHER

Let us start by saying thank you for choosing to bring new life into this world and for the brave choice of making an adoption plan. While the circumstances leading to this decision are likely difficult and heavy, you are making one of the most loving choices you could possibly make in creating a plan of care for your baby.

We want to honor you and your choice to take this step by committing to always share their story, your story with them.

Please know that we are praying for you as consider your options, that the Lord will lead and guide you in your decision, and that in all of it that you feel and know that you and your baby are loved.

We would consider it our greatest honor to be chosen to be adoptive parents to your baby. We hope the following pages help you get to know us a little better, understand our heart for and desire to adopt, and express our commitment to provide a safe and loving home to any child placed in our care.

With Love, Matt and Hannah

OUR STORY

Hi! We're Matt and Hannah! We've been married since July 2022. Our story started when we matched on Bumble the night before Christmas Eve in 2021. Matt was visiting his family out of town for the holidays but he and Hannah video chatted every day until he got back and we could have our first date on New Year's Eve.

Our first date involved meeting for smoothies, going for a hike, dinner at one of Matt's favorite local spots, and a New Year's Eve party with friends of Hannah. We barely spent a day apart between then and when we got married six months later. We were so excited to start our marriage together that we opted for a shorter engagement and a small ceremony at our church surrounded by our immediate family to celebrate our love for each other.

Our marriage in the time since has involved many adventures including (partially) completing A Year of Dates, vacations, Matt getting baptized, sporting events, church, time with community, Hannah completing her master's in business administration, Matt finishing his bachelor's degree in sports and health sciences: exercise science, and fun with our three puppies: Bender, Maya, and Amelia. Six months after getting married, we began trying to conceive and start our family. While that journey has been unsuccessful, we are excited to take the next step in starting our family through adoption.

When we first met, openness to adoption was one of the first things we discussed. Hannah has been wanting to adopt her entire life and it turned out Matt had been considering and open to adoption for years as well. Adoption has always been a part of our family plan.

Since this will be our first child, we want to start at the beginning. We believe that love makes a family and we cannot wait to provide a safe and loving home to a sweet baby who needs it!











GET TO KNOW

HANNAH

Hi! I'm Hannah! I am Christ follower, people lover, car karaoke enthusiast, nature admirer, for an aerospace engineering firm that spontaneous dancer, and nothing makes me laugh harder than a quality dad joke. I was born in Wisconsin but raised in Tennessee.

In my free time, I love spending time with my husband, our three pups, and friends. I also really enjoy singing, live music, going for walks, hiking, kayaking, trying new things, exploring new places, and crocheting.

I work as an HR and Operations Manager supports various NASA programs. I have a bachelor's degree in psychology with a focus in Christian counseling and a master's in business administration.

My faith is very important to me. I strive to love deeply, forgive quickly, be intentional, and live authentically.

Ideal Saturday Morning: Slow morning followed by brunch and an activity with Matt Favorite Baseball Team:

Boston Red Sox





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MATT

Hey, I'm Matt. I am 32 years old and I currently work as an Exercise Specialist at a local sports medicine PT clinic. I currently have a bachelors degree in exercise science, but I am looking to continue my education and work towards a doctorate in physical therapy. My career goal is to become a pediatric physical therapist in our local school system.

In my free time, I play hockey and try to explore the local events with my wife. I have been living in Tennessee for 10 years now and I really enjoy it.

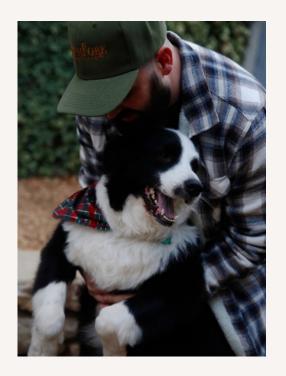
As a family man, I believe in the value of tradition. It is how we create loving memories and express our love for one another. I strive to live my life according to the word of the gospel, which I believe helps to guide a path to a cheerful and joyful life.

My favorite sport:

Does pineapple belong on pizza?

Hockey

My opinion....NO!



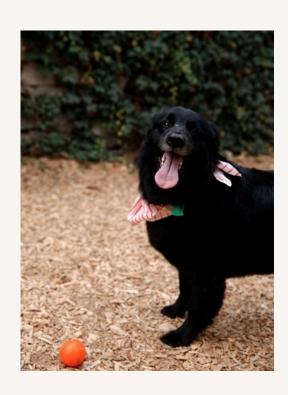
BENDER

Meet Bender! He's our sweet panda boy. He's the oldest of our pups and one of our two Australian Shepherds. He's very sweet and friendly. He loves playing neighborhood watch, having his ears scratched, and being chased around the house or yard. He loves making friends at the dog park and going for walks.

MAYA

Meet Maya! She's the middle of our dogs and the most energetic. She's an Australian Shepherd as well. She is very sweet, loves to play, and her favorite toy is a ball of any variety. She is a little shadow and makes sure no one is ever alone in the house. She loves to cuddle, go for rides in the car, make new friends at the dog park, and go for walks.





AMELIA

Meet Amelia! She's the baby of the puppies. We think she's a Blue Nose Staffordshire. She loves to be outside and find sticks, play fetch, and chase squirrels out of the yard. She is a big cuddle bug and loves to be snuggled up next to either one of us. She's very sweet and gentle.





We strive for our home to be a warm, welcoming, and loving environment. Our backyard is a place where we get to play with our three dogs, watch movies outside, and enjoy a nice evening fire. We live in East TN. We love spending time outside, so being close to the mountains is great because it allows us to take quick trips there to hike and visit Cade's Cove. We are very close to the local parks and it's a short walk to the greenway to go for walks or ride bikes. We are also a short drive to the lake where we like to kayak in the summer.





HANNAH'S FAMILY

Hannah's parents have been happily married for 34 years. Her dad was a pastor for most of her life while her mom was a stay-at-home mom when she and her brother were younger and moved to working in admin roles when they started school. Her parents and brother moved to Oklahoma when she was 21 to take care of her grandparents that have since passed away. Her parents currently live in Arkansas, where they moved two years ago for her dad's job. Even though they live far away, they talk several times a week.

Her twin brother, Zach, also lives in Arkansas with his fiancé, Ashley, and her two kids. Ashley and Zach will be getting married in mid-2025 and Matt and Hannah can't wait to have them officially join the family! While Hannah and Zach don't talk as often, they make a point to be present for all the big moments in each other's life.

Hannah has quite a large extended family as well that they love so much and try to see as often as possible.

All of her family is so supportive of Matt and Hannah's adoption journey.











MATT'S FAMILY

Matt's parents, Scott and Tammy, live in upstate NY where Matt and his younger sister Ciara were born. Matt's sister Ciara lives in Minnesota with her husband Zack who is currently serving in the US marine corps. Even though Matt and Ciara live in different parts of the country, they still stay connected with their parents and visit annually.

Growing up, Matt's dad would help each of his kids with their sports practices and even take a shift as a penalty box attendant during Matt's hockey games. He also helped coach Ciara's softball travel team for many years and even helped trained her to pitch in softball. Matt's mom was always a part of the school events for her kids and was always willing to babysit the kid's friends. She is a big supporter of Christ and lives her life to serve.

Both Scott and Tammy have been big supporters of family values and also big supporters of this adoption journey for Hannah and Matt.

Matt's Grandparents, Larry and Carol live locally in East Tennessee. Precisely seven minutes down the road. Larry and Carol have been living in Tennessee for over thirty years where they are both involved in church and local groups. Larry owns a manufacturing business and Carol volunteers to work the books at their church.







OUR DREAMS AS PARENTS

At the end of the day, we just want to provide a safe and loving home where we can build a family and create memories.

We have been able to create so many wonderful memories together as a couple and are ready to continue that journey with children.

We look forward to watching them learn and grow as human beings, providing guidance and support, encouraging them to develop and pursue their own passions, and being a safe place for them to both fail and succeed.

We plan to teach them the gospel and encourage them in their faith to know that they are not only already loved and chosen by us but they are loved and chosen by the God of the universe.

OUR INTERESTS AND PASSION









Matt grew up playing hockey and has a big passion for growing the hockey community in East TN. He plays in a local adult ice hockey league as well as pick-up ball and roller hockey when he can.

Hannah loves to hike and spend time outdoors. She loves hiking in the Smoky Mountains but her favorite hike was in the Swiss Alps. She hopes to visit some of the national parks out west in the future to hike as a family and explore more of the beautiful parks.

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We love to have a great time together and are always up for new adventures! Together we love to travel, go to sports games, bike, hike, have game nights, putt putt, bowl, try new restaurants, explore our local area, and just have a good time.

Our favorite trip we've taken together so far was to Boston, Massachusets.









We hope this gave you a small insight into who we are.



Thank you for your consideration