

Chris & Garah

### Dear Expectant Parent(s),

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us. We are so grateful to be considered.

We are adopting because we have more love to give in our hearts, more room in our home, and want to grow our family. We believe adoption is a beautiful way to honor God, and we feel called to provide a loving, faithfilled home for a child. We've planned for adoption since early in our marriage and even while dating, and we're seeking to make that a reality now.

We admire and respect you for choosing adoption and making this plan for your daughter. That brave choice shows how deeply you love and care for her, and we do not take it lightly.

If we are chosen, we promise to love and cherish your child with all our hearts. Our home is full of love, laughter, and faith. We will raise her to know how much God loves her and how special she is. We will provide a safe, nurturing place where she can grow, learn, and become the person God created her to be.

We highly value education and experiences. We will encourage and support learning, whether that leads to college, a trade, entrepreneurship, or any path that helps a child become who they're meant to be.

We will always honor and respect you as a part of her story. You will never be forgotten in our home. We are praying for you as you walk through this journey.

With love,

Chris & Garah



Our Story

We met on Easter Sunday of 2008 at church. We dated for a year and were married in 2009 at a house ceremony surrounded by friends and family. We started our family in 2015 with the birth of Gideon. Asa was born the next year in 2016. In 2022, we moved from Nashville to Chattanooga to start a new chapter.



MEET Gord

WRITTEN BY CHRIS

Sarah is a wonderful wife and mother, and she is my very best friend. She has a great sense of humor, and people like her right away when they meet her. She is self-assured and confident, with a fire in her belly toward the goals that are important to her. She does not give up.

Sarah is a loyal friend and a protective mom. She balances kindness with discipline, always giving her time and energy to make sure our boys feel loved and have everything they need.

She has a natural talent for decorating and design, and she uses that talent to make our home warm and inviting for our family.

Sarah works from home as a professional voice actor, and she is very good at her job. She often makes me and the boys laugh with silly characters and funny impressions!

When it comes to being a mom, I remember how gentle and caring Sarah was when our boys were babies. I know she'll be a loving and devoted momma to your child as well.



MEET Chris

WRITTEN BY SARAH

Chris is a terrific father and husband. Family is his top priority. He works very hard for us and continues to make his business thrive. He is very attentive, playful, patient and loving to both of our boys and spends his time with them doing what they love to do. That means he's usually throwing the football, playing basketball or kickball with Gideon. And talking about art, fun facts and game ideas with Asa.

Chris loves cooking and often make meals for the family and they taste wonderful! When not cooking, you can find him strumming the guitar at home or playing bass in the church worship band.

He is a naturally curious person who loves to learn how things work and are put together. He has a silly side too! He entertains us by telling jokes, doing impressions or pretending to be a character. The boys and I love it! As silly as he can be, he is also sweet and caring. I know he will be a wonderful father to your child.



THIS IS *Gideon + Asa* (THE BIG BROTHERS)





MEET Gideon

Our son Gideon is 10 years old. He is a sweet boy with a heart of gold. He loves to play sports like football and track. He likes board games and video games. He always takes time to play with and include the younger kids in our neighborhood. Gideon has a silly side that makes him super fun.





MEET Asa

Our son Asa is 8 years old. He's a bright kid who does well in school, and he is talented at art and drawing. He's very affectionate and loves giving and receiving hugs. Sometimes we have to hide the ice cream because of his sweet tooth! We love Asa's creativity and ability to show love.







# OUR HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD

We live in a small neighborhood in a suburb of Chattanooga. Neighbors can be found walking on the sidewalks or biking in the streets. There are several young kids and it's very family-friendly. It's a small community and everybody knows everybody. We have events every few months where everyone gathers together for a picnic or potluck.

The neighborhood kids can often be found playing football, basketball or other games in front of our house in the cul-de-sac.





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Our home is warm and welcoming, and always seasonally decorated! We're surrounded by greenery and nature in all directions and we love how secluded and private it feels.

There's a community park just 5 minutes away with a playground. We live 10 minutes away from a beautiful 130 acre nature preserve.



There's a lot of extra room in our home and your daughter will have plenty of room to grow and play.





Family trip to beautiful Rock City



Arie and the boys going on a hike

# Activities & Adventures

We live in the beautiful "Scenic City" of Chattanooga. There's lots do do and see outdoors, and we take advantage of it. We'd love to welcome your child to family adventures like these!

- Family hikes on one of the many trails in the area
- The Tennessee Aquarium in downtown Chattanooga
- The pumpkin patch at the local dairy farm during the fall
- Bike rides at the Little Debbie Park in Ooltewah
- Visiting Dollywood and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park





# ACTIVITIES & ADVENTURES





hanging at the pool with cousins and extended family





Our Dog

We have a lovable Jack Russell terrier puppy Mabel. She loves children and is an absolute ball of energy and fun. We love Mabel, and the boys love her too. They wear each other out!





Extended Family

Chris's extended family lives one hour up the road in the Knoxville area. He has two sisters, who each have their own families. There are 4 cousins, and all of them are girls. Sarah's mom lives just a couple miles down the road and is a big part of our lives (her grandparent name is "Arie"). We see her multiple times a week and she spends lots of time with our boys.

We take regular trips to the Knoxville area to visit grandparents and cousins, and we take a yearly trip to a cabin in the mountains to spend Christmas together.

Our extended family is excited and ready to love and support your daughter.



Thank you

Thank you for considering our family and allowing us to tell you a little bit about us. We admire and respect you for choosing an adoption plan for your daughter.

If you give us the honor of welcoming your child into our home, she'll get lots of hugs and kisses, snuggles on the couch, and family game nights at the dinner table. She'll have nightly bedtime stories and lullabies, bike rides on pretty days, picnics at the park, playdates with friends, roasting smores and chasing fireflies in the summer.

She'll go to Fourth of July barbecues with cousins and grandparents, summer day camps with friends, wear halloween costumes and go trick or treating, Thanksgiving feasts, and Christmas presents under the tree.

She'll go to a good school where she'll be supported and encouraged. She'll go on family trips where she'll experience different cultures, art and taste different kinds of food. She'll be adored by her cousins, grandparents and extended family. She'll be protected by her older brothers.

We will nurture her natural gifts. Whatever she is interested in, whether it be piano, art, sports, or whatever - we promise to support her.

We will raise her up to be kind, respectful, and Godly.

We will always honor you as her birth mom and the important part you play in her story. We also respect whatever level of openness you desire in this process.

We would be honored to take this journey with you, and we can't wait to meet you.

WITH LOVE, Chris & Garah