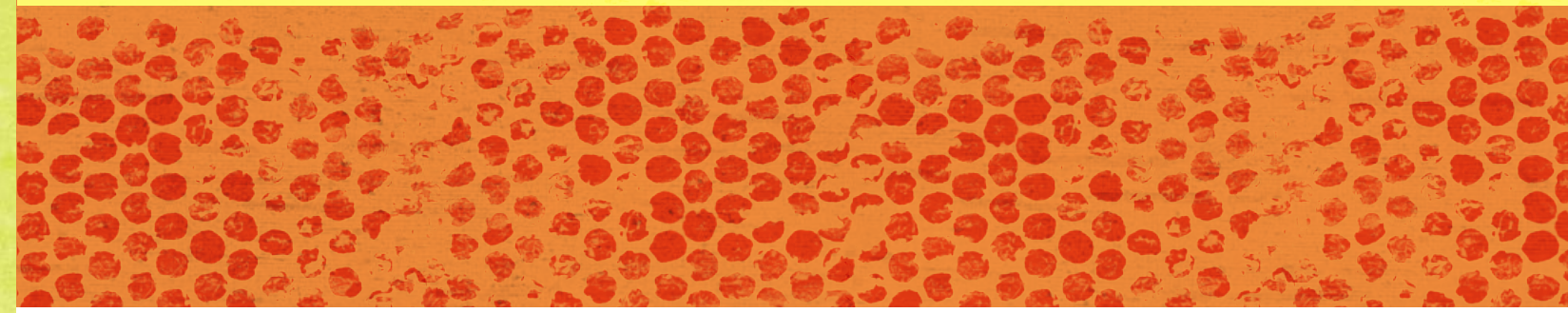


KATIE AND TAYLOR



HELLO & *Welcome*





WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOUR BABY WILL GROW UP IN A SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT, THEY WILL HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR A HAPPY AND FULFILLING LIFE, AND THEY WILL BE LOVED BY SO MANY PEOPLE.

We would like to begin by expressing our gratitude for your decision to choose adoption for your embryos. We are honored to be considered as a family that might be lucky enough to adopt your embryos. It is our hope that this book will provide you with an idea of what life with our family would be like for your baby and that you might choose us to be your child's parents.

WE WANT SO BADLY TO BE PARENTS - to have a child call us Mommy and Daddy. We see having a family as our next great adventure and, after a diagnosis of infertility and failed fertility treatments, the prospect of adoption has filled us with hope, and a sense of possibility that we had once thought to be extinct.

We promise to always honor you and your decision to choose embryo adoption. Your child will never wonder who they are, or where they come from, and you will never have to wonder how they are doing. We are open to adopting embryos of any race and we would make sure that your child knows about their culture and traditions.

We met in 2010 while we were both working at a local Children's Hospital. We were quickly drawn to each other by a shared sense of humor. We became fast friends and began attending a Bible Study group together and spending time outside of work just hanging out as friends. In May 2012, after seeing the Avengers movie, we agreed there was a mutual attraction and we decided to start dating. When Katie's father passed away from pancreatic cancer in July 2012, Taylor rushed to be by her side and comfort her during her loss. Not many guys would meet their girlfriend's entire extended family for the first time at a funeral - but Taylor is not most guys. After dating for several years, we became engaged in November 2014 and we were married in August 2015. We moved into our

first house in August 2016 and immediately began trying to start a family of our own. After experiencing a miscarriage and several failed fertility treatments after a diagnosis of infertility, we decided that adoption was the route God had chosen for us.

WE HAD ALWAYS SPOKEN OF ADOPTING AT SOME POINT AND IT WAS ALWAYS A MUTUAL DESIRE FOR US BOTH. We have several close friends and family members that are adopted. We are hopeful that we can experience the joys of both adoption and pregnancy through the miracle that is embryo donation. When we received our diagnosis of infertility, we felt strongly that our struggles were really a silver lining meant to confirm what we always knew deep down, that adoption was the way we would start our family.

We love hiking, the outdoors, the beach, and traveling together and we can't wait to include our children in all of our adventures.

Our wedding day



WITH YOUR BLESSING, our journey TO BEGIN A FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION CAN BEGIN!

One of our favorite hikes



meet KATIE

WRITTEN BY TAYLOR

If I had to describe Katie in 3 words, they would be “determined”, “supportive”, and “selfless”. When she has a goal, nothing can get in her way of accomplishing it. To her, there are not permanent roadblocks. Before meeting her, if something did not go my way, I would tend to give up. Katie does not let that happen. Not only will she motivate me to keep trying, she will be right there next to me throughout the whole process.

I THINK THIS IS ONE OF THE KEY REASONS KATIE WILL BE A GREAT MOTHER.



Katie at the park with her friend's daughter

KATIE SAYS

“—HIKING— IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE PAST-TIMES

We try to hike a different place every weekend and we always talk about how we can't wait to share this hobby with our kids!

SHE WILL BE THE TYPE OF MOM THAT WILL ENCOURAGE HER CHILD TO CHASE THEIR DREAMS AND MAKE SURE THEY HAVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE THAT DREAM.



Skydiving in Texas



Checking out the bulls at the Rodeo



5 THINGS that you MAY BE SURPRISED TO LEARN ABOUT katie

- 1 Katie is a **6TH GENERATION** Texan
- 2 Katie has her Masters in Business Administration (**MBA**) and she is a certified **PMP** (Project Management Professional)
- 3 Katie wasn't allowed to have cats growing up so her first 2 pets were Joey and Phoebe, **TWO VERY SPOILED TABBY CATS**
- 4 Katie grew up a Dallas Cowboys fan but has since been converted by Taylor to the **RAIDER NATION** and she is now a proud Oakland (soon to be Las Vegas) Raiders fan
- 5 Katie's **FAVORITE CANDY** are **ORANGE TIC-TACS** which Taylor argues are not actually candy!

A FEW of KATIE'S FAVORITES

FAVORITE HOLIDAY
CHRISTMAS

DREAM JOB
**TRAVEL
BLOGGER**

SOURCE OF
INSPIRATION
MY PARENTS

FAVORITE PLACE TO
TAKE A CHILD
**THE ZOO, PARKS,
AND SPORTING
EVENTS**

FAVORITE HOBBY
HIKING

FAVORITE
CHILDREN'S MOVIE
**THE NEVER
ENDING STORY**

FAVORITE
SUBJECT IN SCHOOL
HISTORY

FAVORITE
MUSICAL ARTISTS
**JOHN LEGEND,
SAM SMITH, ED
SHEERAN**

Snuggling with the animals while reading a good book!

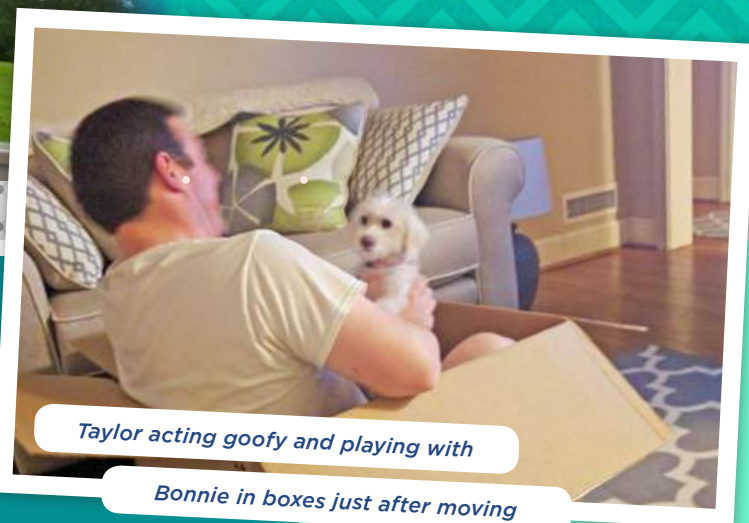


Fun feeding giraffes



meet TAYLOR

WRITTEN BY KATIE



Taylor acting goofy and playing with

Bonnie in boxes just after moving

Taylor is the most tender-hearted person I know. He loves fiercely and he always puts his friends and family above himself. I'm so lucky to have found him and to have convinced him to marry me and I try every day to make sure he knows this.

I KNOW WITHOUT A DOUBT THAT TAYLOR WILL BE A GREAT DADDY BECAUSE OF HOW HE TREATS THE PEOPLE IN HIS LIFE. He will drop everything he is doing in order to go and help a friend or family member that needs him. Whenever we go hiking, Taylor and I will spend time talking about all of the things we can't wait to do with our children and I can always see how excited he is to plan family vacations and to share our life with a child of our own.

Taylor having fun with our friend's daughter, Maci



I ENVISION TAYLOR PLAYING WITH OUR CHILD LIKE HE ALREADY DOES WITH OUR DOG BONNIE - PRETENDING A CARDBOARD BOX IS A RACECAR AND RUNNING AROUND THE LIVING ROOM ACTING SILLY.

TAYLOR IS LOYAL
and A GOOD,
CHRISTIAN MAN!



5 THINGS that you
MAY BE
SURPRISED
TO LEARN ABOUT Taylor

- 1 Taylor is a **ROLLER COASTER ENTHUSIAST**
- 2 He has a **MAJOR FEAR OF SNAKES!**
- 3 Taylor likes the concept of math and what it can do but he's actually **BAD AT IT**
- 4 Taylor **BUILDS HIS OWN COMPUTERS** and he actually built a fully functional Nintendo game system
- 5 Taylor married his one and only girlfriend, **KATIE!**

A FEW of TAYLOR'S FAVORITES

FAVORITE HOLIDAY
CHRISTMAS

DREAM JOB
**DISNEY IMAGINEER
OR ASTRONAUT**

SOURCE OF
INSPIRATION
**MY HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING
COACH**

FAVORITE PLACE TO
TAKE A CHILD
THEME PARKS

FAVORITE HOBBY
**HIKING AND
PLAYING VIDEO
GAMES**

FAVORITE
CHILDREN'S MOVIE
**THE BRAVE LITTLE
TOASTER**

FAVORITE
SUBJECT IN SCHOOL
SCIENCE

FAVORITE
MUSICAL ARTISTS
**JASON ISBELL,
RED HOT CHILI
PEPPERS, JUSTIN
TIMBERLAKE AND
METALLICA**

Enjoying the expansive

view after the end of a long hike



Attending a Scottish wedding



We love to dress in goofy, ugly Christmas sweaters during the holidays



Visiting our local Zoo



OUR FAITH

Throughout this journey, we have been praying (and continue to pray) the following scripture over our family: "For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him." - 1 Samuel 1:27. **ALL WE WANT IS TO BE PARENTS AND WE CAN'T WAIT FOR OUR PRAYERS TO BE ANSWERED.**

We are Methodists and attend Church every Sunday unless we are traveling. We are very active and involved in our Church. Katie serves regularly as a teacher in the children's Sunday School classroom and volunteers during Vacation Bible School in the summer.

For THIS CHILD I PRAYED, AND THE LORD HAS GRANTED ME MY PETITION THAT I MADE TO HIM.
1 SAMUEL 1:27

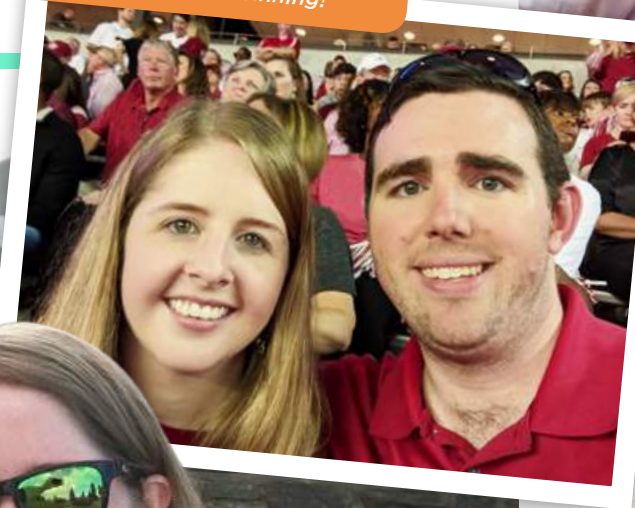
We intend for our children to grow up in the Methodist Church and to be always surrounded in love by our Church family. They will attend Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and they will volunteer alongside us when our Church hosts events to give back to our community.

Faith is important to us because it reassures us that we are not alone in this world and that Jesus died for our sins so that we might live. **WE WANT OUR CHILDREN TO GROW UP WITH THIS SAME COMFORT OF KNOWING THAT THEY ARE NEVER ALONE AND THAT GOD ALWAYS WALKS WITH THEM.**

Taylor is always making Katie laugh



Our team was winning!

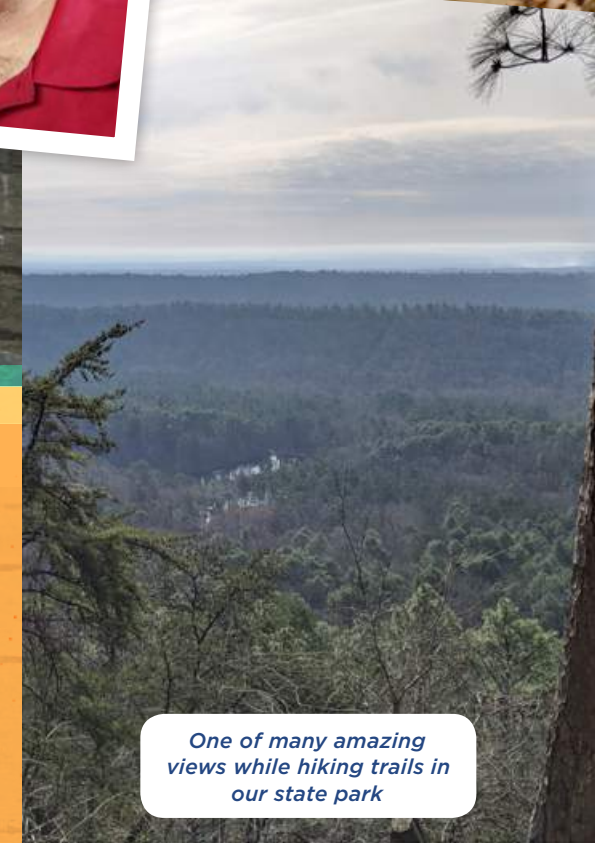


Visiting the Blue Ridge Mountains



On the weekends, we are always out and about doing something - whether it's hiking, eating at a new restaurant with friends, walking Bonnie in the park, or visiting one of the many local attractions our city has to offer. We love to enjoy our city and the outdoors and so our weekends are always very active, busy, and fun-filled. **WE ARE SO EXCITED AT THE PROSPECT OF HAVING A CHILD TO SHARE OUR DAYS WITH AND TO INCLUDE THEM IN OUR DAILY ACTIVITIES AND ADVENTURES!**

One of many amazing views while hiking trails in our state park



WHAT WE DO for FUN

WE HAVE LOTS OF HOBBIES AND INTERESTS THAT WE HOPE TO SHARE WITH OUR CHILDREN.

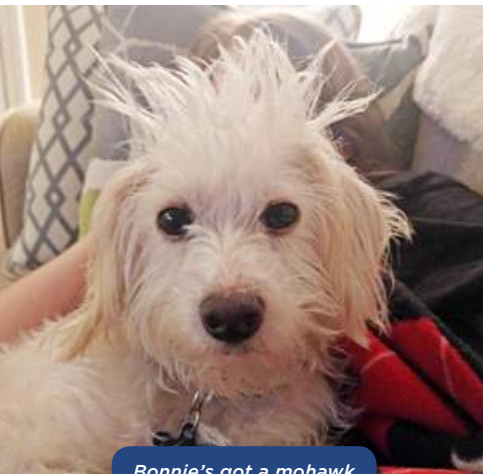
Our favorite shared hobby is hiking. Where we live affords us easy access to many state parks and hiking trails and we love to enjoy nature and the outdoors. We can't wait to take our children hiking with us and to take part in family camping trips.

In addition to hiking, Taylor's favorite things to do include playing video games, building computers, watching movies and reading science fiction and fantasy novels. Katie's favorite things are puzzles, watching movies, and traveling. We would love for our children to share our hobbies and interests but we are so excited to learn a new hobby or interest if they are passionate about something else - whether it's My Little Pony or Transformers, we plan to support their interests and be just as passionate about their hobbies as they are.

WE HAVE 3
ANIMALS AT HOME.

JOEY AND PHOEBE
WERE RESCUED BY
KATIE WHEN SHE
WAS STILL SINGLE
AND LIVING ON HER OWN AND BONNIE
WAS RESCUED 6 MONTHS AFTER WE GOT
MARRIED.

our
FURRY
FAMILY!

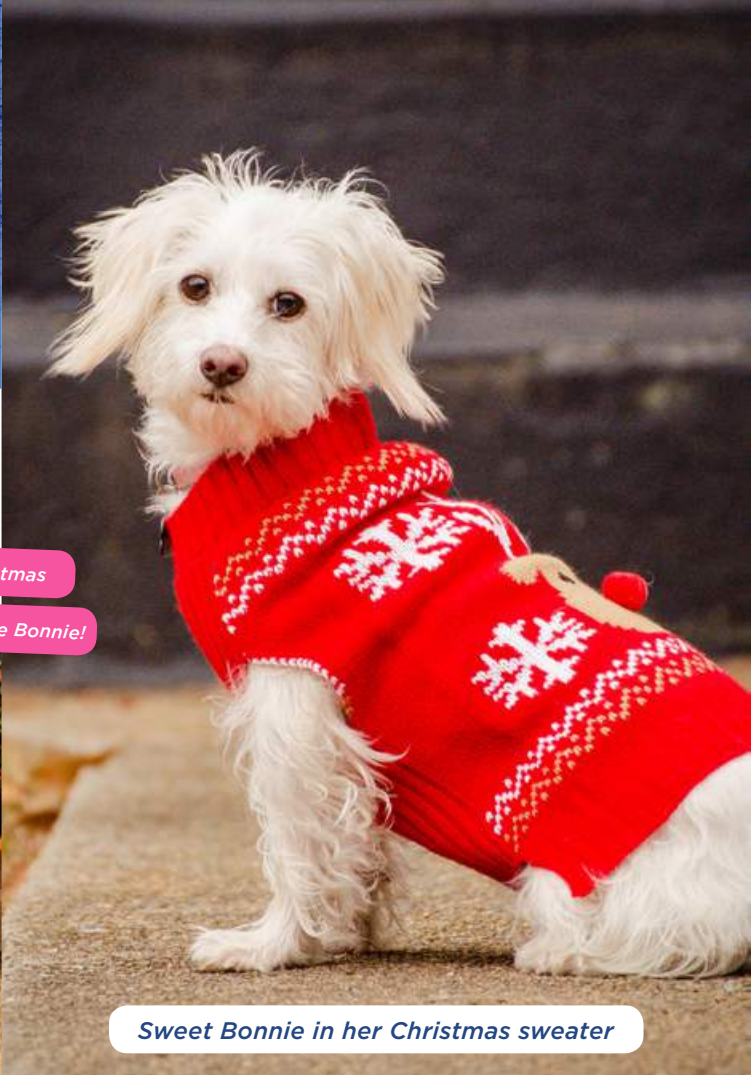


Bonnie's got a mohawk



Our favorite yard decoration at Christmas

is the light up dog that looks just like Bonnie!



Sweet Bonnie in her Christmas sweater

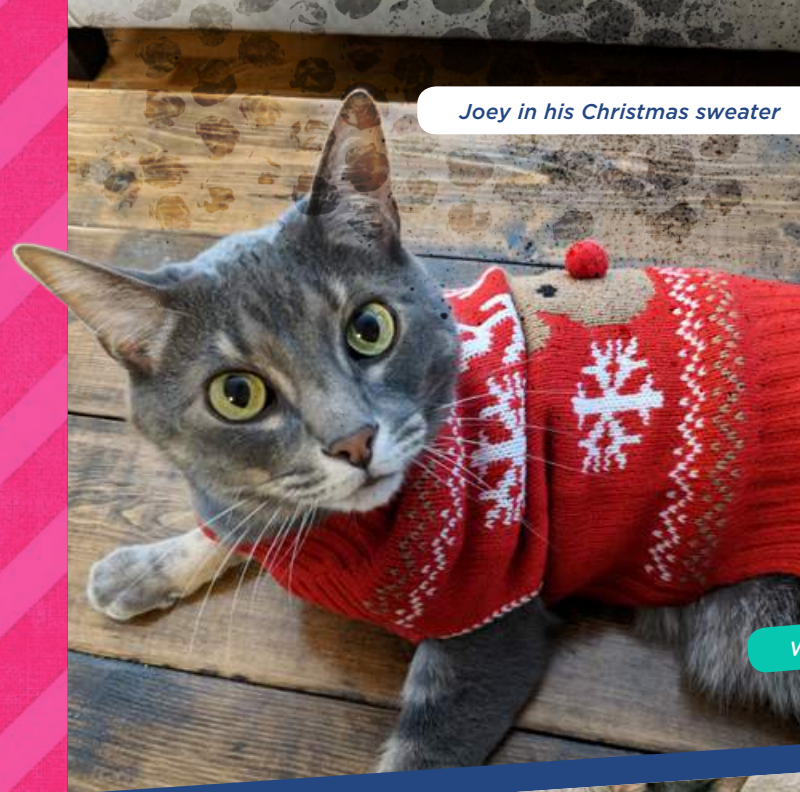
Bonnie is the youngest - she is a 4 year old white Maltese/Westie mix with big brown eyes. Bonnie is definitely a diva dog and loves to be the center of attention - she enjoys playing with other dogs and attends a "doggie daycare" once a week. We always take her with us to family gatherings and she loves to follow around babies and little kids in hopes that they might drop some crumbs for her to scoop up. She is trained to sit and is very good with young children and infants - she loves to lick their face and tries to get in their lap!



Joey and Phoebe love to snuggle

Phoebe is the middle - she is a 7 year old, all white tabby cat with one blue eye and one green eye. Phoebe is scared of everything and can usually be found hiding under the couch or watching everything from a distance while safely perched on her favorite spot above the fridge. Once she's comfortable and people have calmed down, she will slowly venture out of her safe spot and find a cozy place on the couch to snuggle up with people.

And Joey is our oldest - he is an 8 year old, gray tabby cat with yellow eyes. Joey is very curious and isn't scared of anything. He never meets a stranger and loves when friends and family come to visit. He likes to play with Bonnie and will let her chase him around the house. He also is a snuggler and loves to curl up on the couch underneath blankets.



Joey in his Christmas sweater



We love to do silly Christmas

cards every year



All 3 of our pets love to cuddle

deck the
PAWS
with BOUGHS OF
HOLLY

Dancing together at our wedding



1 Taylor buys Katie her favorite "candy"—**ORANGE TIC TACS** whenever he goes grocery shopping

2 Taylor **COOKS** dinner every night and Katie **DOES THE DISHES**

3 We **COOK SOUP** for each other when we are sick

4 We **HOLD HANDS** when walking anywhere

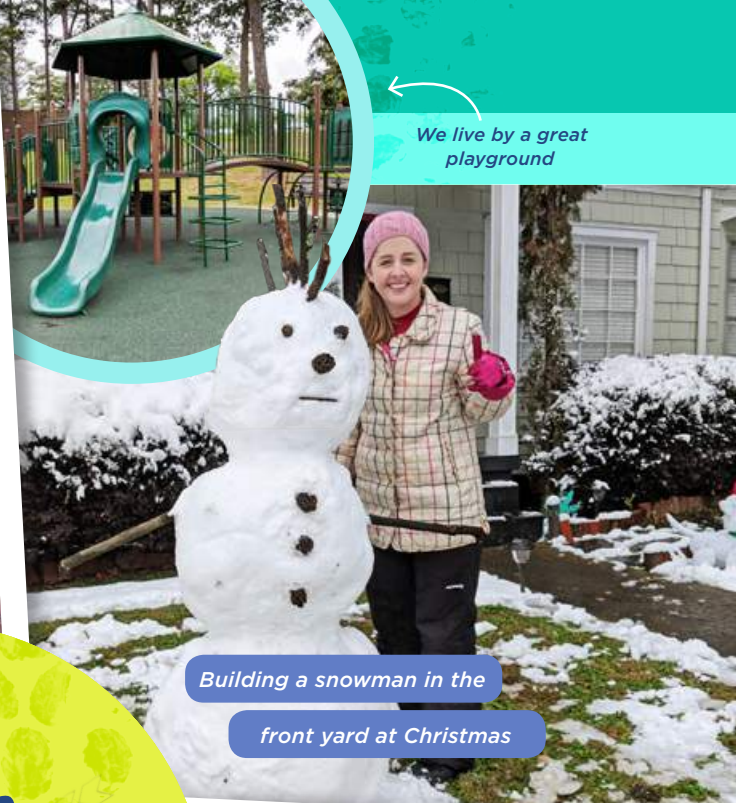
5 Whenever we leave, we tell each other "**I LOVE YOU**" because we don't want our last words to each other to ever be anything but that

5
WAYS THAT
we show our
LOVE





We love our cozy home



We live by a great playground

Building a snowman in the

front yard at Christmas



We spend a lot of time in the backyard



WE LIVE IN A COZY, COTTAGE STYLE HOME IN THE MIDDLE OF DOWNTOWN.

Even though we are located in the middle of a bustling city center, our neighborhood feels very much like one you might find in the suburbs. We are proud of the fact that our neighborhood is so eclectic - we have many kinds of neighbors ranging from older, retired couples to different varieties of young families. We always see people walking their dogs and kids are regularly riding their bikes outside or playing ball in the street. It

doesn't feel like downtown living, yet, we are lucky to be so close to many exciting things. We are walking distance from our Church and multiple parks, recreation areas, and great restaurants. BECAUSE OF WHERE WE LIVE, WE ARE ALSO ONLY A 5-10 MINUTE DRIVE AWAY FROM WONDERFUL ATTRACTIONS INCLUDING THE LARGEST ZOO IN THE STATE, THE LOCAL THEATRE AND ORCHESTRA, MUSEUMS,

THE STATE'S MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PARK AND OF COURSE MULTIPLE STATE PARKS AND HIKING TRAILS. At home on weeknights, Taylor will cook dinner in the kitchen while playing music and Katie will play fetch with Bonnie in the living room. After eating dinner, we love to cuddle on the couch with all of the animals and watch a movie or favorite TV show before bed.

5 PLACES in our COMMUNITY THAT WE REALLY LOVE



1 OUR CHURCH

We go to a small Methodist church nearby. We are very involved in the Church and everyone there is like a second family to us. We can't wait to raise our kids in such a loving, Christ-centered environment.

2 THE LOCAL PARK

Our neighborhood has a large park with baseball fields, a running/walking path, children's playground, and a large pond with lots of ducks.

The duck pond at the park



3 THE ZOO

Our zoo is the largest in our state and hosts lots of different events including a Halloween night where kids can explore the zoo and trick or treat with the animals.

4 LOCAL THEATER

We have a theatre that puts on Broadway shows and also does children's theatre shows and we have a local orchestra that is very talented.

5 STATE PARK

We live very close to a large state park that has a ton of different hiking trails, a swimming hole, waterfall, horseback riding, archery and campsites.

OUR FRIENDS SAY

“ ” KATIE and TAYLOR ARE VERY ACTIVE IN THEIR CHURCH AND SERVE ON LEADERSHIP BOARDS

THEY VOLUNTEER OFTEN FOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES. THEY WANT TO SEE THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, COMMUNITY, AND CHURCH

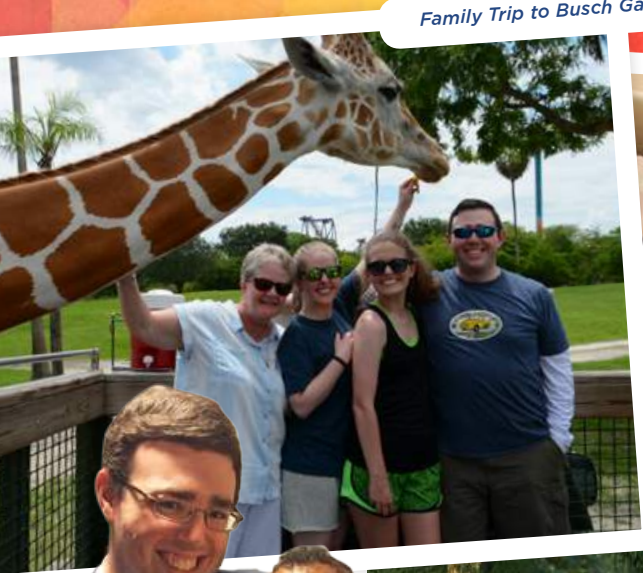
GROW & PROSPER

We have a large network of family that live close by and we spend time with them regularly. Katie's mother is a retired elementary and high school educator who plans to be the full-time "Nanny" while Katie and Taylor are at work so the baby won't have to go to daycare.

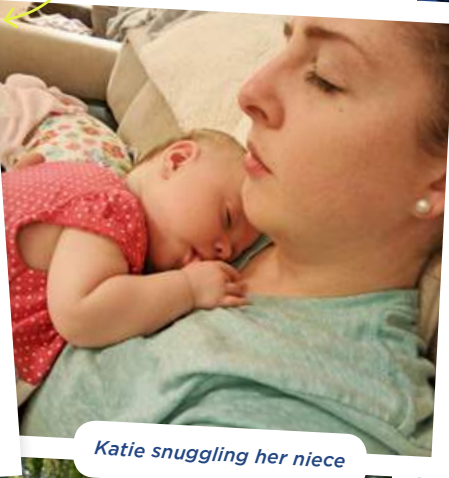
Never a dull moment with Taylor's family



Family Trip to Busch Gardens



Katie snuggling her niece



Taylor holding his friend's son, Kai



Katie's family



meet our LOVED ONES



Taylor's side of the family

We are active in our church so we have lots of Church family and friends that are close and we attend a "Saving Grace" bible study for families of the church once a month.

We also have lots of friends that we spend time with regularly during the week and on the weekends. **ALL OF OUR FRIENDS HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN SO OUR CHILD WILL GROW UP AROUND OTHER KIDS.**



Celebrating Christmas in our

silly holiday shirts

- ### TRADITIONS
- WE WILL PASS ON to our children
- > FIREWORKS SHOW ON NYE AND FOURTH OF JULY AT THE LOCAL PARK
 - > VALENTINE'S DAY MOVIE AT THE LOCAL THEATER
 - > EASTER EGG HUNT AT CHURCH
 - > SUMMER VACATIONS AT THE BEACH
 - > 4TH OF JULY COOKOUTS WITH TAYLOR'S FAMILY, HANGING BY THE POOL
 - > TRUNK OR TREAT FOR HALLOWEEN AT CHURCH
 - > THANKSGIVING MEAL WITH LOTS OF FAMILY WATCHING FOOTBALL
 - > BAKING COOKIES FOR SANTA AND CANDLELIGHT CHURCH SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE
 - > OPENING 1 PRESENT BEFORE BED ON CHRISTMAS EVE
 - > SPENDING CHRISTMAS DAY IN PAJAMAS!

HONESTY



COMPASSION



LOYALTY

QUALITIES THAT WE VALUE in friends and family

Traveling with Katie's family in Iceland



Spending time with our friend's kids



KINDNESS

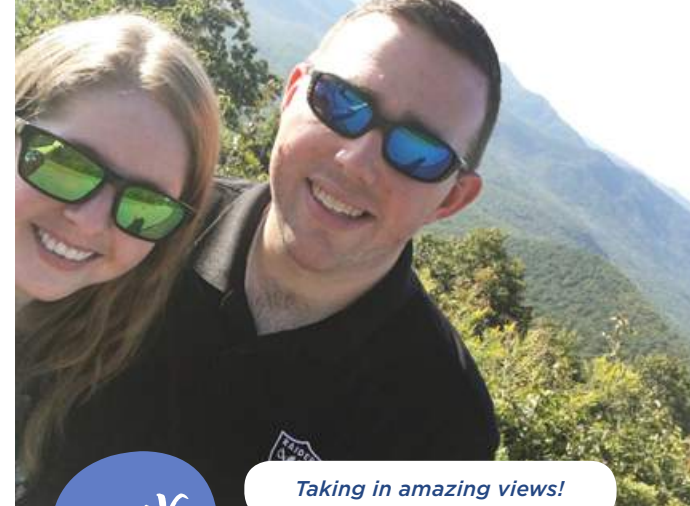


GENEROSITY

OUR ULTIMATE DREAM AND DESIRE AS PARENTS IS TO PROVIDE OUR CHILD WITH ACCESS TO EVERY OPPORTUNITY IN THIS WORLD. WE WANT TO PROTECT THEM AND TO SUPPORT THEM. WHATEVER THEIR DREAMS AND ASPIRATIONS MAY BE, WE WILL BE THEIR BIGGEST CHEERLEADERS ALONG THE WAY. WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE THEM IN ACHIEVING WHATEVER THEY SET OUT TO ACCOMPLISH.

Ultimately, we want to help our child find their place in this world and we want to help them discover their purpose and their passions. Our hope is that we are able to instill a drive and determination in our child to never give up.

We will be the parents that go on every field trip, attend every sporting event, and show up to every recital. We want to be active participants in our children's lives and to enjoy every moment alongside them. If they develop a love of video games and want to go to a comic-con and cosplay as their favorite character, we will dress up right alongside them and enjoy the convention with them.

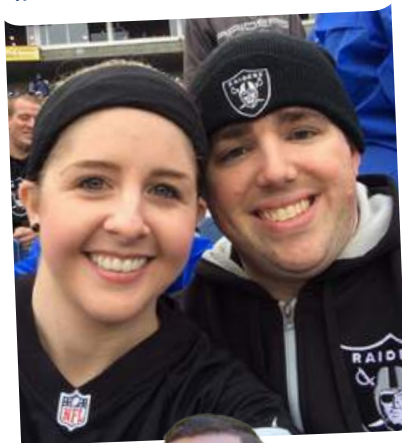


Taking in amazing views!

our

THOUGHTS ON PARENTING

We love going to football games whenever we get the opportunity



We love vacations at the beach



There are lots of neighborhood kids

and we can't wait to join the crew!

WHAT WE HOPE TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN

THE IMPORTANCE OF **GIVING BACK** TO YOUR COMMUNITY

HOW TO **SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH**

TO **WORK HARD** WITH DETERMINATION

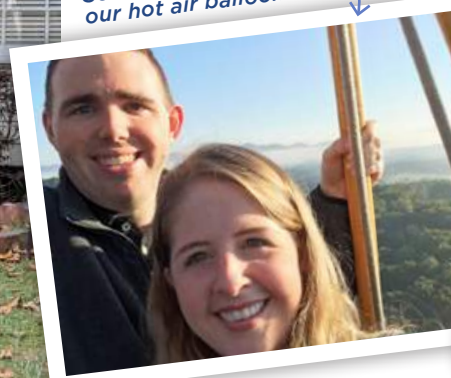
TO **VOLUNTEER**

TO LIVE LIFE WITH **HONESTY & INTEGRITY**

TO BE **COMPASSIONATE** AND HAVE A **CARING HEART**

- 1 EACH OTHER!** TAYLOR MAKES KATIE LAUGH AND KATIE MAKES TAYLOR HAPPY. 😊
- 2 WE LOVE SNUGLING WITH THE ANIMALS.**
- 3 ANY EPISODE OF THE OFFICE OR PARKS AND REC** WILL MAKE US LAUGH.
- 4 TAKING LONG HIKES** AND TALKING ABOUT OUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.
- 5 VISITING AMUSEMENT/THEME PARKS, TRAVELING, AND EXPERIENCING NEW ADVENTURES!**

Selfie in the middle of our hot air balloon ride



Cedar Point amusement park



WHEN WE BECOME PARENTS, PERSONAL ASPIRATIONS THAT WE ONCE HAD FOR OURSELVES WILL NO LONGER MATTER — IT WILL ALL BE REPLACED BY THE HOPES AND DREAMS WE NOW HAVE FOR OUR CHILD FOR THEIR LIFE!



THERE IS NOTHING MORE THAT WE WANT
THAN TO HAVE A BABY AND TO MAKE MEMORIES WITH
THEM IN THIS ADVENTURE WE CALL LIFE

We don't know exactly what the future holds but what we do know is this, no matter what happens we promise to give your child a life full of unconditional love, emotional and financial support, a safe and stable home, a great education, and access to all the opportunities this world has to offer. **WE WOULD BE HONORED AND HUMBLLED IF YOU CHOSE US TO ADOPT YOUR EMBRYOS.**

 WITH *Love* **KATIE and TAYLOR** 



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to GROW our
FAMILY THROUGH
ADOPTION



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